



# **Sheltered Homeless Veterans**

**in**

**Boston (MA)**

**10/1/2012 - 9/30/2013**

**Families in Emergency Shelter  
Families in Transitional Housing  
Families in Permanent Supportive Housing  
Individuals in Emergency Shelter  
Individuals in Transitional Housing  
Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing**

*Data from the Homeless Management Information System  
Submitted for the  
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2013 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress*

## Introduction

This report on sheltered homeless veterans is based on local data submitted to the 2013 Annual Homeless Assessment Report Veteran Supplemental Report (AHAR-VET). The AHAR Veteran Supplemental Report is a report to the U.S. Congress on the extent and nature of homeless veterans in America, prepared by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless veterans, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless veterans. Once published, the 2013 AHAR Veteran Supplemental Report will be found on HUD's Homeless Resource Exchange (<http://www.hudhre.info>).

The AHAR Veterans Local Report is meant to be a resource for stakeholders in each community to view their data in a variety of user friendly tables and charts. The report is based primarily on Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data about homeless veterans who used emergency shelter, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs during the 12-month period between Monday, October 1, 2012 to Monday, September 30, 2013. The data are collected in six categories: Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelter, Veterans in Emergency Shelter, Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing, Veterans in Transitional Housing, Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing and Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing.

All data are based on unduplicated counts, such that each veteran is counted only once, regardless of how many different programs the veteran used. Data on length of stay represent the cumulative length of stay for each veteran within a particular category.

For communities that have all emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing providers using HMIS, the total counts reflect the numbers that those providers reported for the 12 month reporting period. For communities where not all emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing providers are using HMIS, this report provides estimates of the homeless veterans and veterans in families in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing programs. The estimate is an "extrapolated count" and is based on the assumption that beds located in programs that do not participate in HMIS are occupied at the same rate and with the same amount of overlap as beds located in HMIS-participating programs.

Communities that submitted useable data to the 2013 AHAR were eligible to submit data to the AHAR-VET report. Data were only included in the national AHAR if HMIS participation rates for a particular category exceeded 50 percent of total beds. The extent to which extrapolated data are representative of the entire community depends on the validity of the assumption that non-participating programs are similar to participating programs. Some programs may target specific sub-populations (such as veterans or women), and their inclusion or exclusion may skew the overall values in particular questions. This report does not include or purport to extrapolate about veterans that are served by "victim service providers" including rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, domestic violence transitional housing programs, and other programs whose primary mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This report also does not include those who were living in places not meant for human habitation, such as on the street, in hotels or motels, or in doubled-up living situations, unless these veterans also used emergency shelter or transitional housing.

The report includes the following sections:

The Demographic Characteristics of Sheltered Homeless Veterans table provides the percentage of veterans reported in category by gender of adults, ethnicity, race, age, veterans by household size, veteran status (adults only) and disability status (adults only). Graphs for each category are below the table.

The Prior Living Situation of Veterans Using Homeless Residential Services table shows the percentage breakdowns of the prior living situation data in each category. The data is categorized by living arrangement from the night before program entry. Living arrangements are categorized by homeless situations, housing situations, institutional settings, and other settings. This table also shows the percentage of the stability of the previous night's living arrangements and the zip code of last permanent address. Graphs for each category are below the table.

The Length of Stay in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans and Veterans in Families table shows the percentage breakdown of length of stay for veterans and families in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. In each category an individual percentage is given for a specific length of stay as well as a cumulative percentage that show the individual percentages accruing. A graph comparing the categories is below the table.

<sup>1</sup> Families are defined as any household that includes at least one adult over 18 years old and one child who is younger than 18 years old. All other veterans, including those in multi-person households consisting of only adults or only children, are reported as single veterans.

<sup>2</sup> Other factors, such as nightly counts that far exceeded the reported number of beds in the community, may also have caused data to have been excluded from the AHAR.

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	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Veterans in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing	Estimated Total Number of Homeless Veterans Across Reporting Categories <sup>*</sup>
<b>Total Estimated Yearly Count<sup>2</sup></b>							
<i>Estimated Total Count for Period</i>				1,209	982	213	2,404
<b>Point-in-Time Counts<sup>3</sup></b>							
<i>Estimated Total on an Average Night</i>				85	257	182	524
<b>On a single night in...</b>							
<i>October 2012</i>				76	290	189	555
<i>January 2013</i>				96	271	187	554
<i>April 2013</i>				87	272	176	535
<i>July 2013</i>				86	229	176	491
<b>Number of Families<sup>4</sup></b>							
<i>1 year count (October 1- September 30)</i>							
<b>Point-in-Time Counts<sup>5</sup></b>							
<i>October 29, 2012</i>							
<i>January 28, 2013</i>							
<i>April 29, 2013</i>							
<i>July 29, 2013</i>							
<b>Estimated Counts by Household Type<sup>8</sup></b>							
<i>Individual adult male</i>				1,145	941	196	
<i>Individual adult female</i>				62	41	14	
<i>Adult in family, with child(ren)</i>							
<i>Households with only adults</i>				0	0	2	
<i>Missing this information</i>				0	0	0	

### Exhibit 1.2 Detailed Derivation of Estimated Homeless Count<sup>1</sup>

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<b>9</b>	that used both participating and non-participating providers	Step 7 x Step 8	0	11	2	(cross-over) adjustment
<b>10</b>	Total estimate of number veterans that used either HMIS participating or non-participating Emergency Shelter	Step 6 – Step 9	1,209	982	213	Veterans

Step	Description	Source	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Veterans in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing	
11	Extrapolation Factor for non-participating providers: This is the factor applied to calculations that are based only on participating providers. It is used to estimate total number of veterans served by participating and non-participating providers.	Step 10 ÷ Step 1				1.0000	1.1165	1.2437	is the extrapolation factor for non-participating providers.
12	HMIS bed coverage rate	Step 2 ÷ (Step 2 + Step 4)				100%	89%	80%	% of beds participating in the HMIS
13	Point-In-Time Extrapolation Factor. This is the factor applied to calculations that are based only on participating providers. It is used to estimate total number of veterans served by participating and non-participating providers for values that report Point-in-time numbers. In contrast to the standard "Extrapolation Factor," the point-in-time Extrapolation factor does not include an adjustment for veterans using multiple providers.	Step 6 ÷ Step 1				1.0000	1.1292	1.2542	is the extrapolation factor for point-in-time counts.

<sup>1</sup> This reports provides estimates of the homeless veterans and veterans in families in Emergency Shelter and transitional housing programs that participate in HMIS, as well as those that do not participate in HMIS. The estimate is an "extrapolated count" and is based on the assumption that beds located in programs that do not participate in HMIS are occupied at the same rate as beds located in HMIS-participating programs. The complete derivation of the total extrapolation factors is detailed in the next table.

Adding values across categories will double count veterans who appeared in multiple types of programs.

The estimates do not include veterans that are served by "victim service providers," including rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, domestic violence transitional housing programs, and other programs whose primary mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

<sup>2</sup> These results are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Extrapolation Factor (Step 11, in table 2.)

<sup>3</sup> These values are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Point-In-Time Extrapolation Factor (Step 13, in table 2.)

<sup>4</sup> These results are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Extrapolation Factor (Step 11, in table 2.)

<sup>5</sup> These values are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Point-In-Time Extrapolation Factor (Step 13, in table 2.)

<sup>6</sup> These results are generated by dividing the HMIS data on veterans on an average night by the total beds in HMIS.

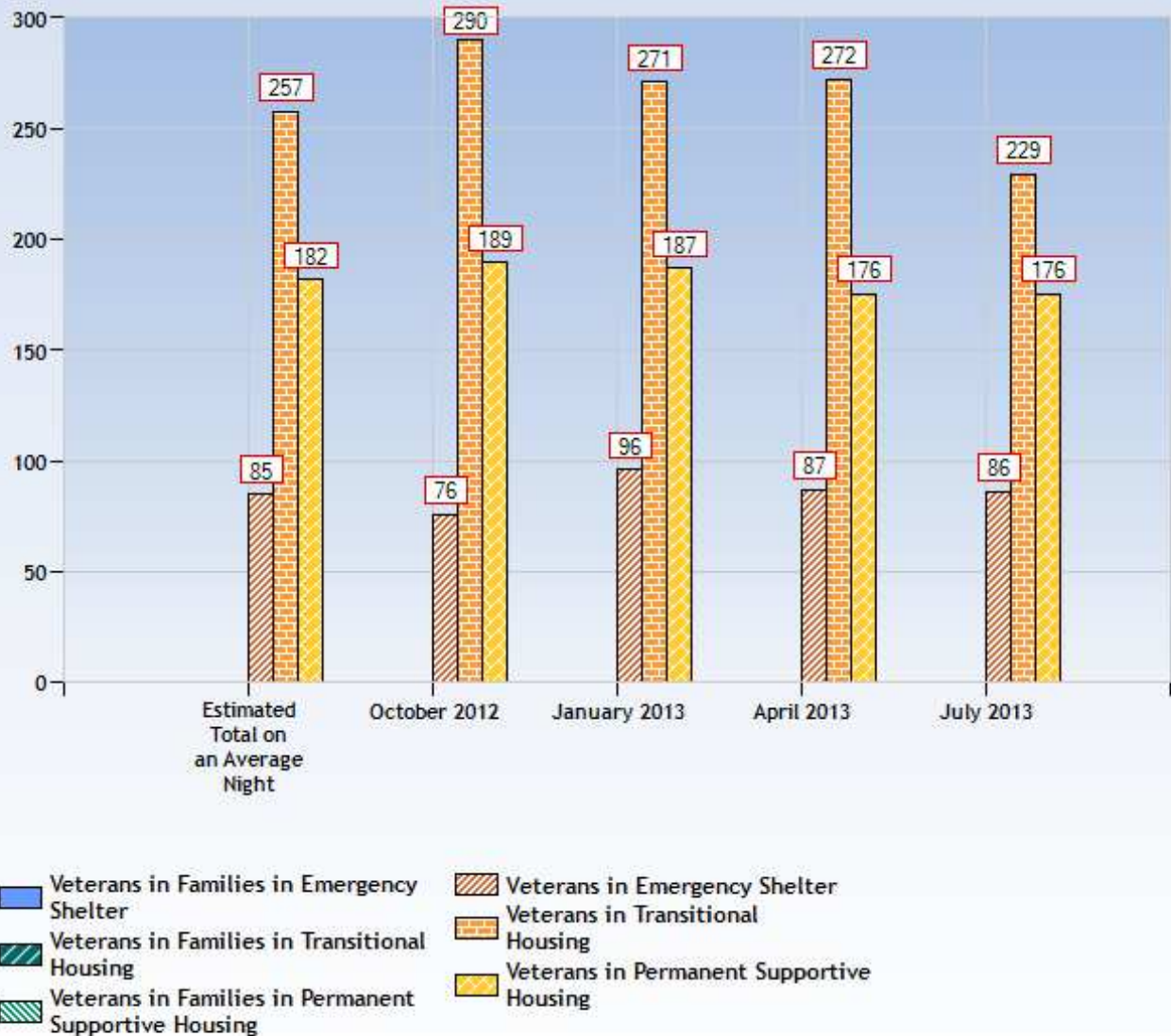
<sup>7</sup> These results represent the average number of people who use each bed. It is generated by dividing the unduplicated count of veterans recorded in HMIS, by the total number of beds in HMIS

<sup>8</sup> These results are generated by multiplying the HMIS data by the Extrapolation Factor (Step 11, in table 2).

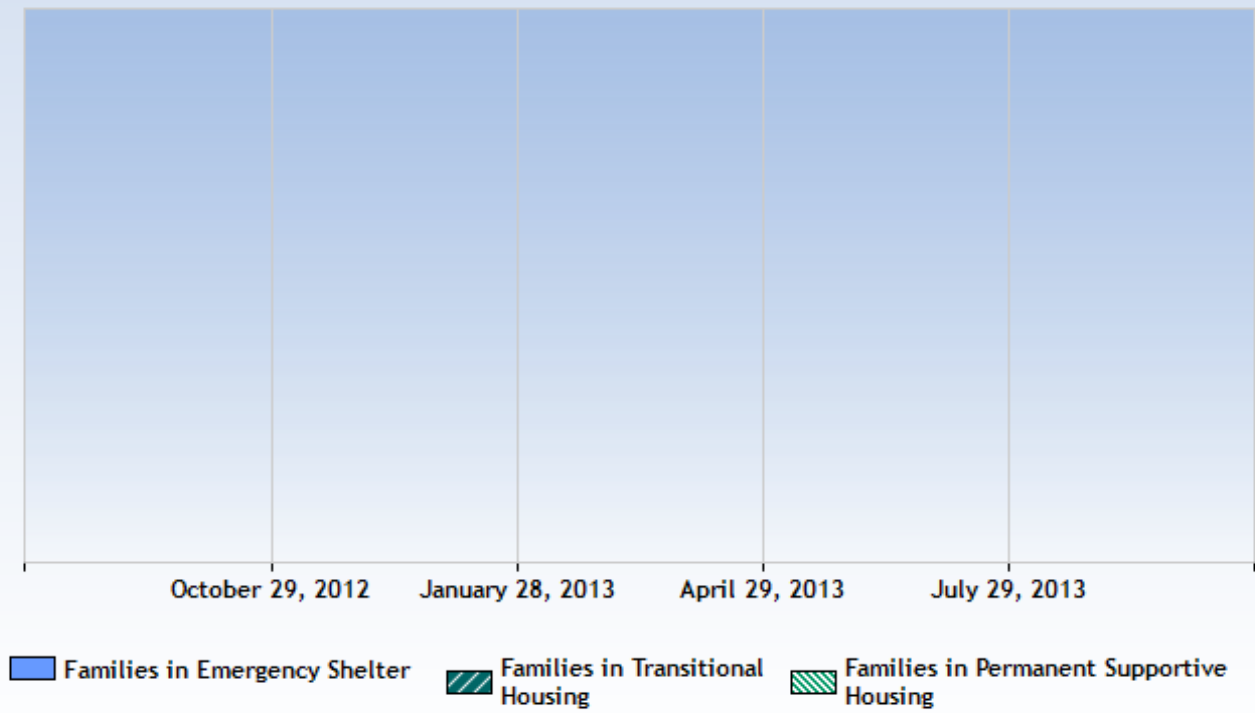
\* This value is generated by multiplying the sum of the extrpolated number of veterans in each category by an overlap factor, which accounts for veterans who use multiple categories. This value is based on the overlap rates among participating programs and adjusted to account for possible overlap in non-participating providers. In this site the adjustment factor is: For the PIT. These values are generated by adding the point in time counts across categories. It is assumed that veterans do not appear in multiple programs on the same night.



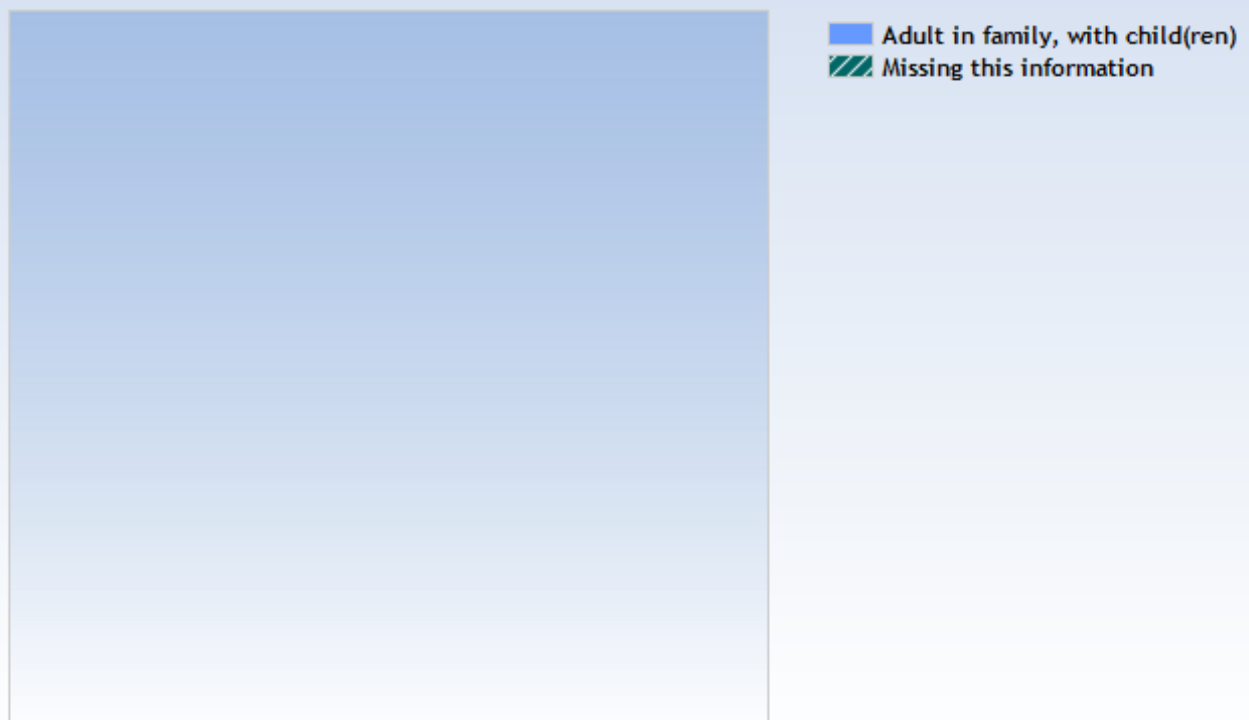
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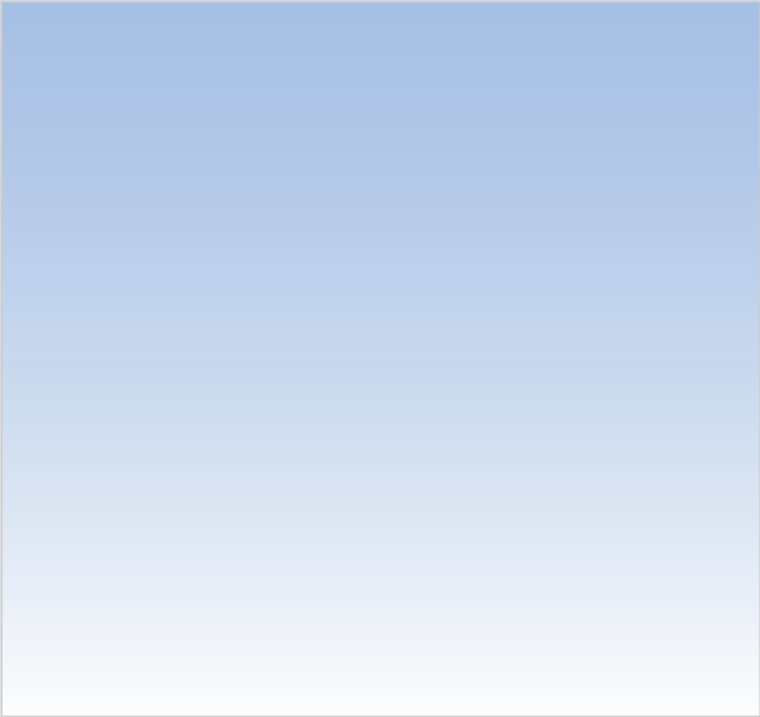
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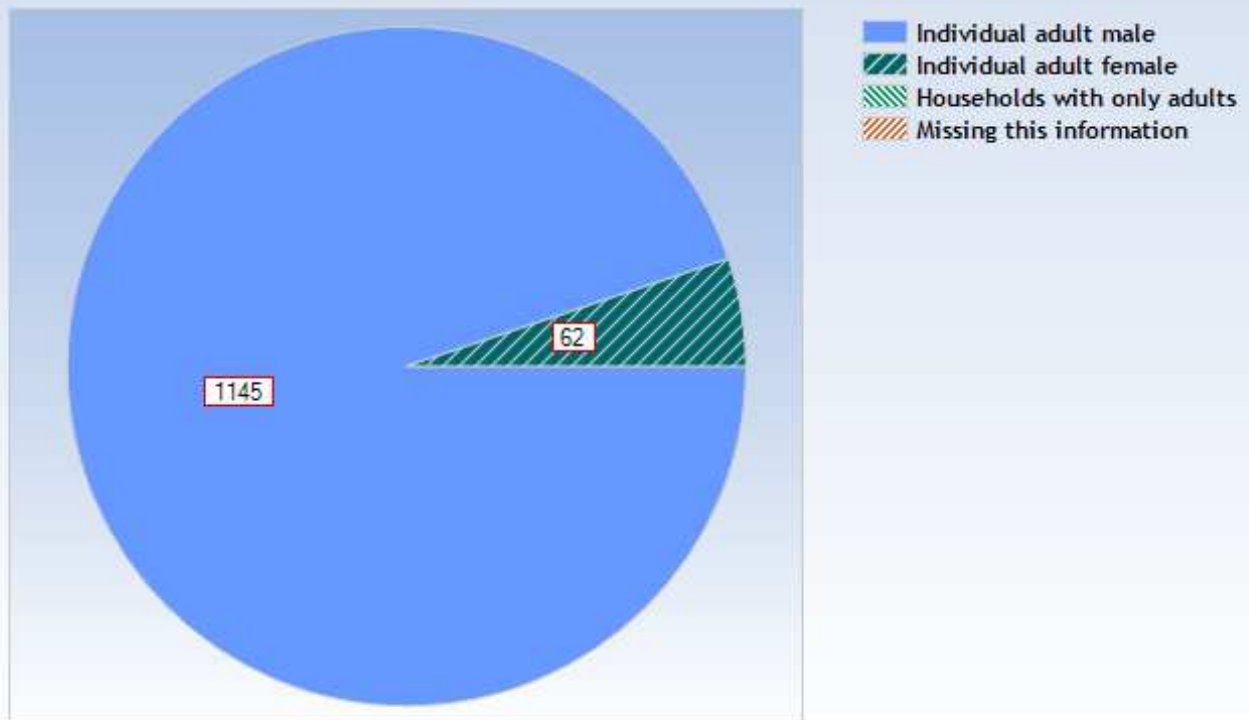
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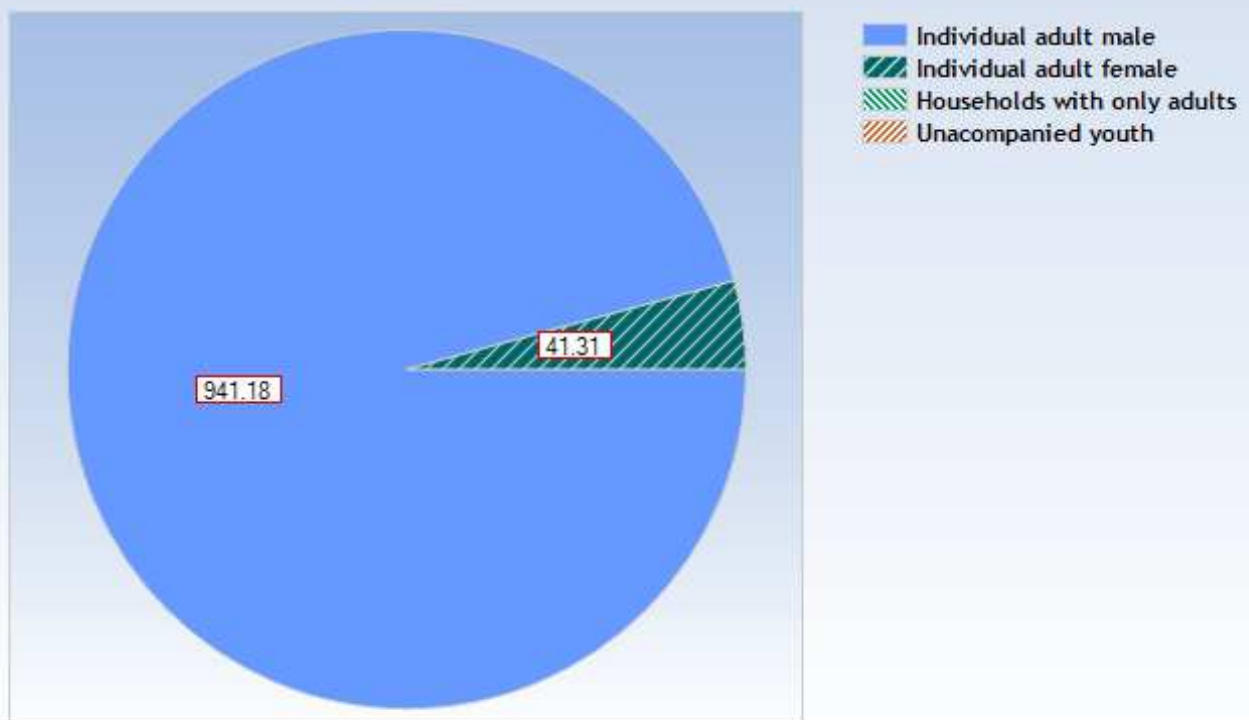


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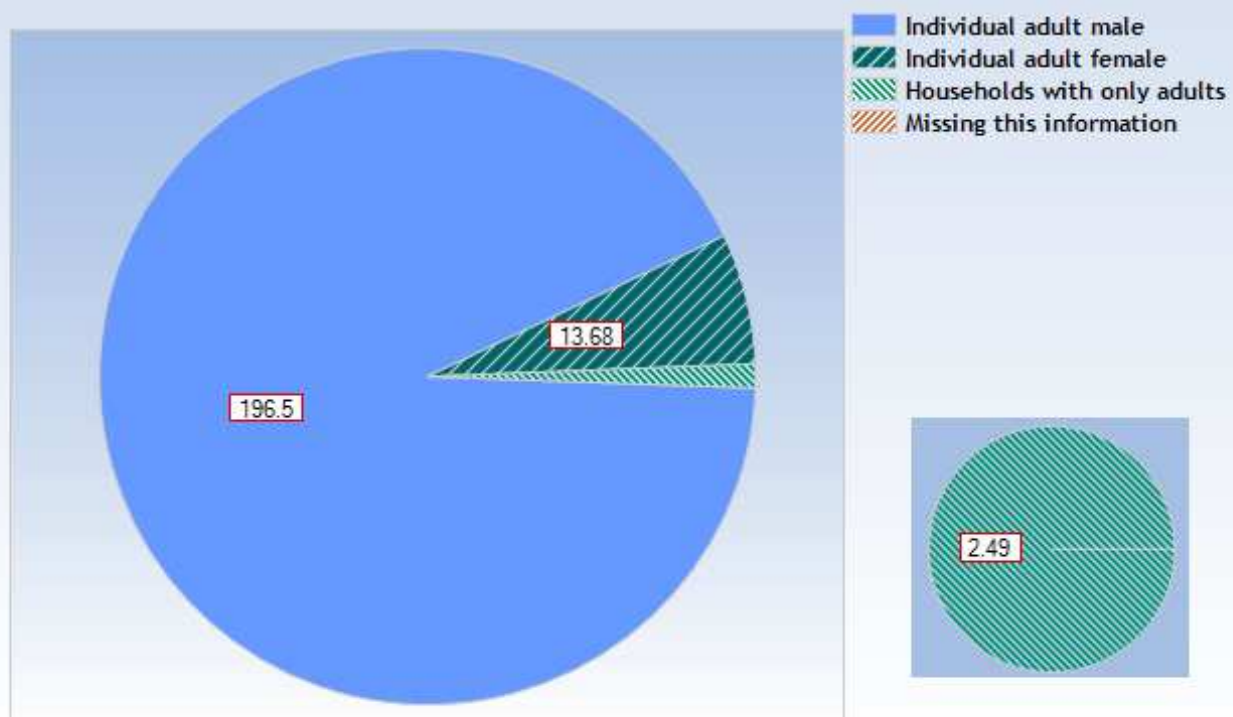
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### Exhibit 3.1 Demographic Characteristics of Sheltered Homeless Veterans

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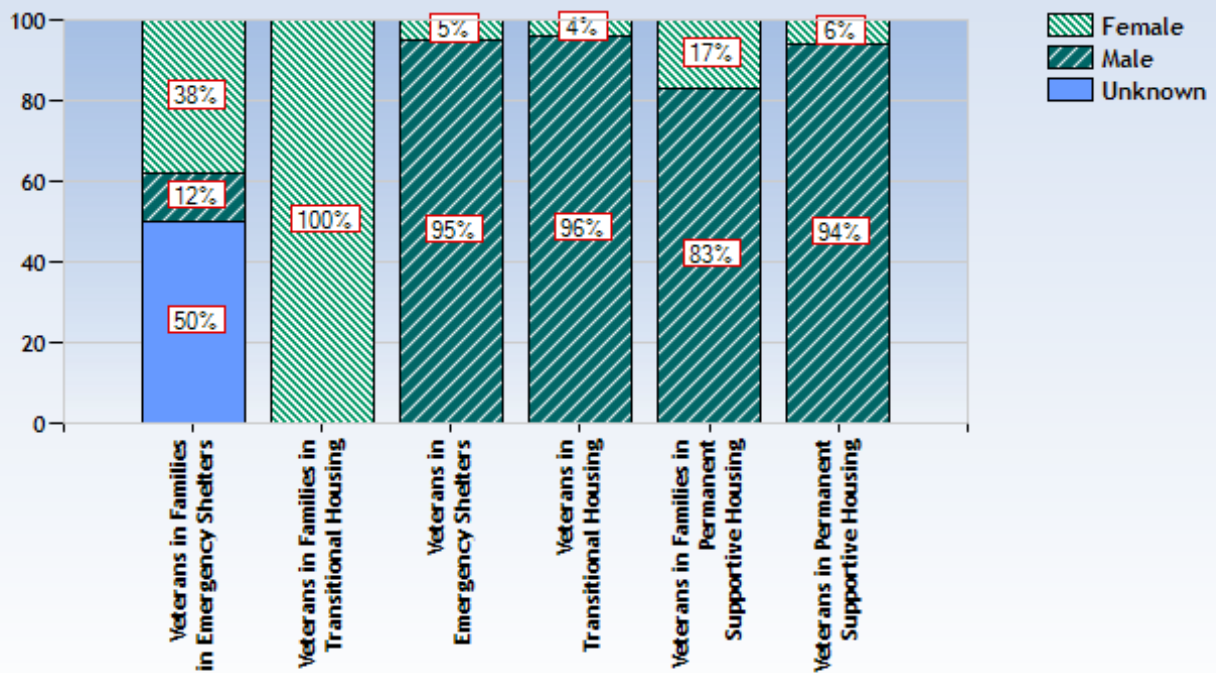
Site: Boston (MA)

Characteristics	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Veterans in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing
<b>Number of Sheltered Homeless Veterans<sup>1</sup></b>	8	1	6	1,209	880	171
<b>Gender of Adults</b>						
<i>Female</i>	38%	100%	17%	5%	4%	6%
<i>Male</i>	13%	0%	83%	95%	96%	94%
<i>Unknown</i>	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
<i>Non-Hispanic/non-Latino</i>	38%	100%	100%	93%	93%	93%
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	13%	0%	0%	7%	7%	7%
<i>Unknown</i>	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Race</b>						
<i>White, non-Hispanic/non-Latino</i>	13%	0%	67%	62%	63%	61%
<i>White, Hispanic/Latino</i>	0%	0%	0%	4%	4%	5%
<i>Black or African American</i>	25%	100%	33%	30%	28%	28%
<i>Asian</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
<i>Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
<i>Several races</i>	0%	0%	0%	4%	3%	4%
<i>Unknown</i>	63%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
<b>Age</b>						
<i>18 to 30</i>	13%	100%	0%	9%	9%	0%
<i>31 to 50</i>	75%	0%	33%	37%	35%	18%
<i>51 to 61</i>	13%	0%	67%	40%	43%	54%
<i>62 and older</i>	0%	0%	0%	13%	13%	28%
<i>Unknown</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Characteristics	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Veterans in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing
<b>Veterans by Household Size</b>						
1 veteran	0%	100%	0%	100%	100%	99%
2 veterans	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	1%
3 veterans	25%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%
4 veterans	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5 or more veterans	75%	0%	17%	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Disabled (adults only)</b>						
Yes	38%	100%	100%	68%	74%	95%
No	63%	0%	0%	8%	4%	4%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	24%	22%	1%

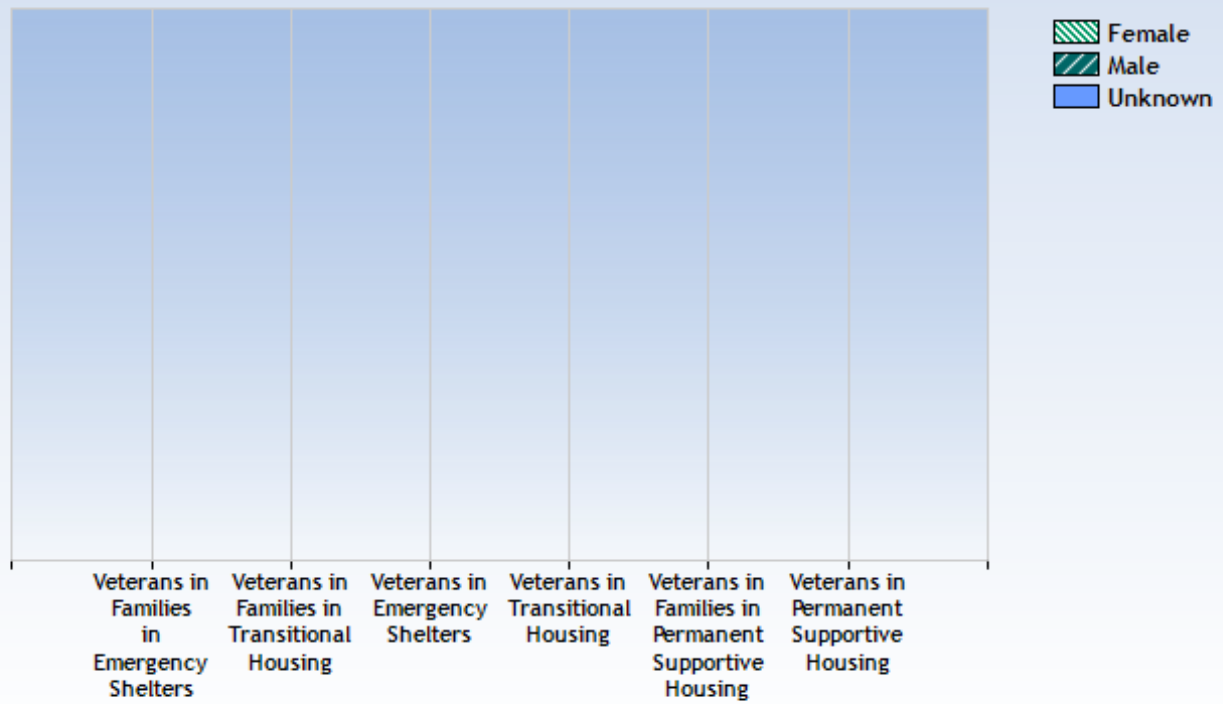
<sup>1</sup> This is the number of sheltered homeless veterans from your community's raw data. These numbers do not include veterans that are served by "victim service providers," including rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, domestic violence transitional housing programs, and other programs whose primary mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

**Exhibit 3.2 Demographic Characteristics: Gender of Adults**

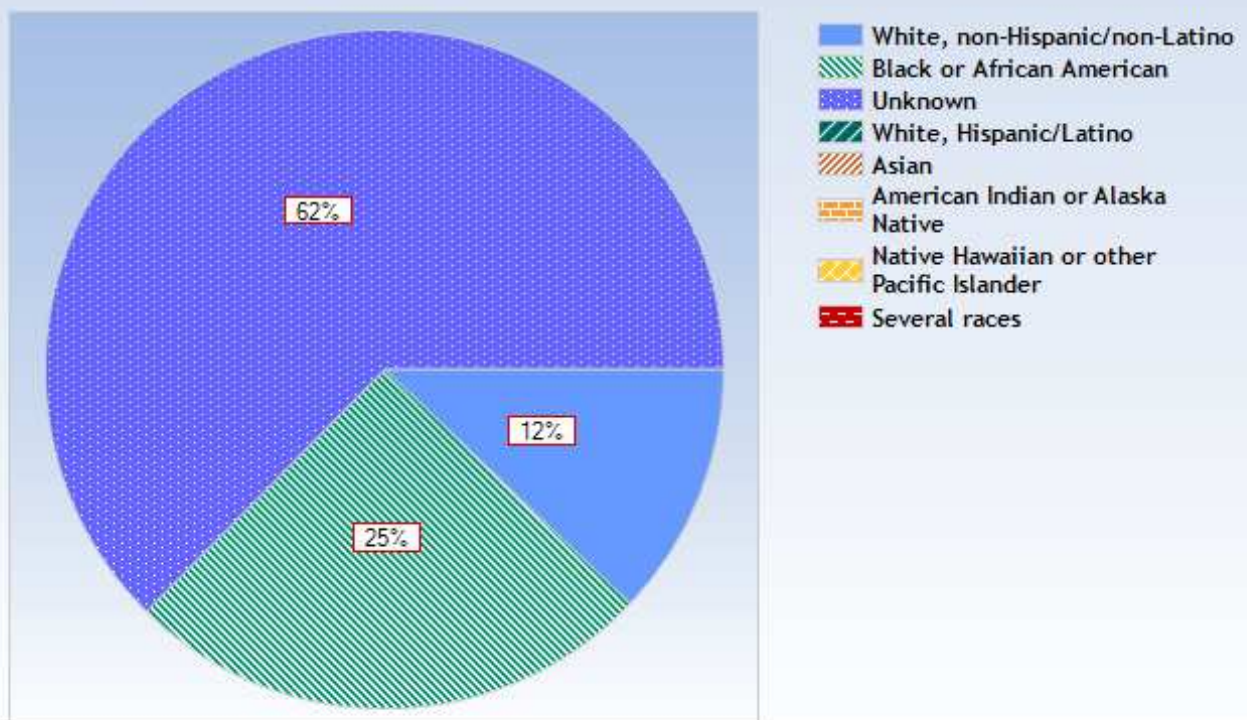




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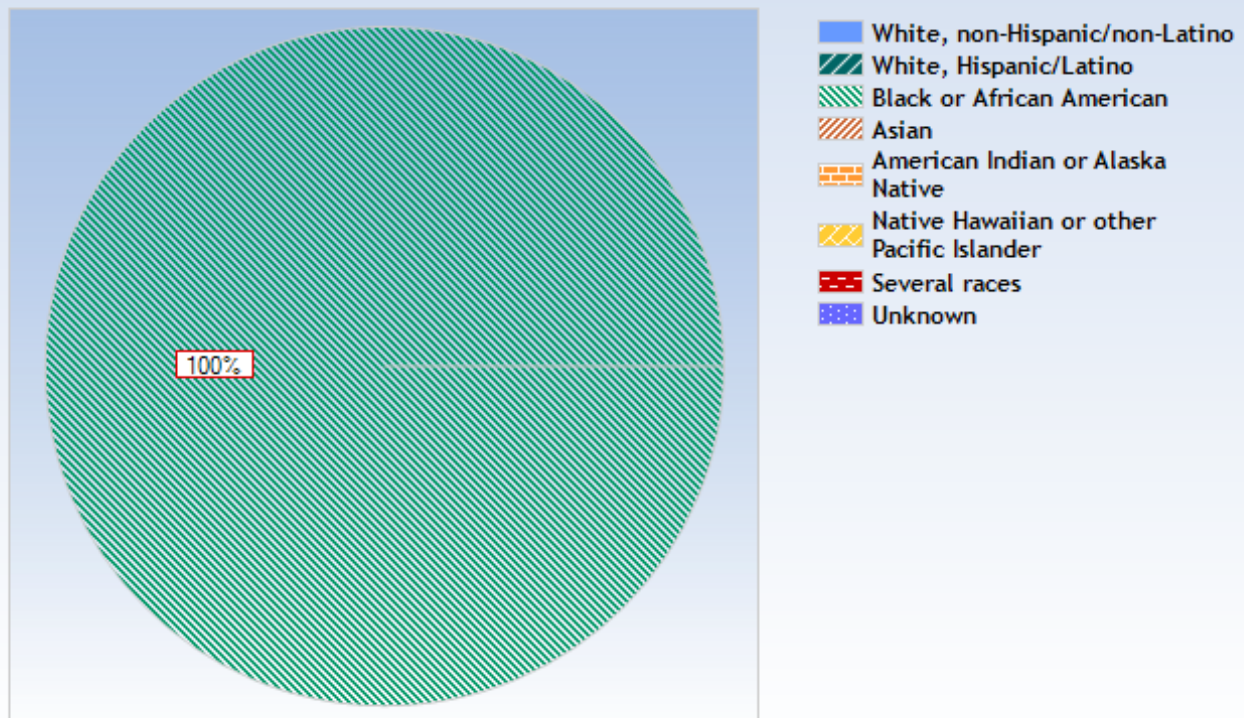


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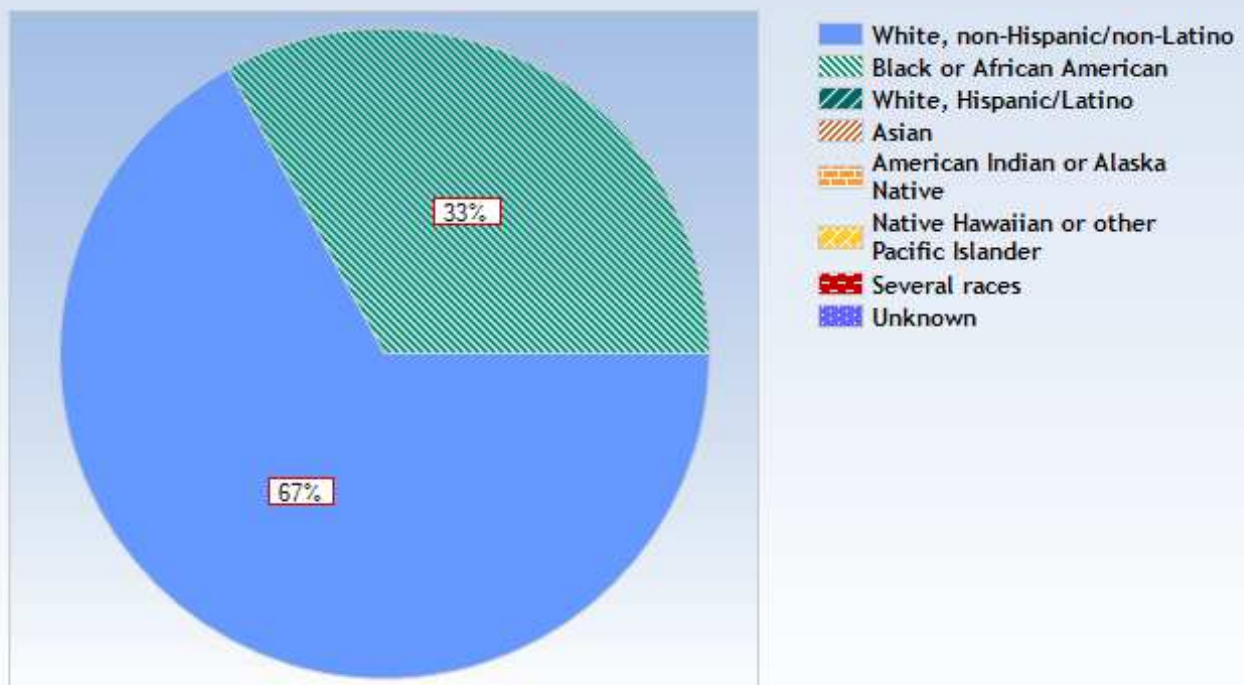




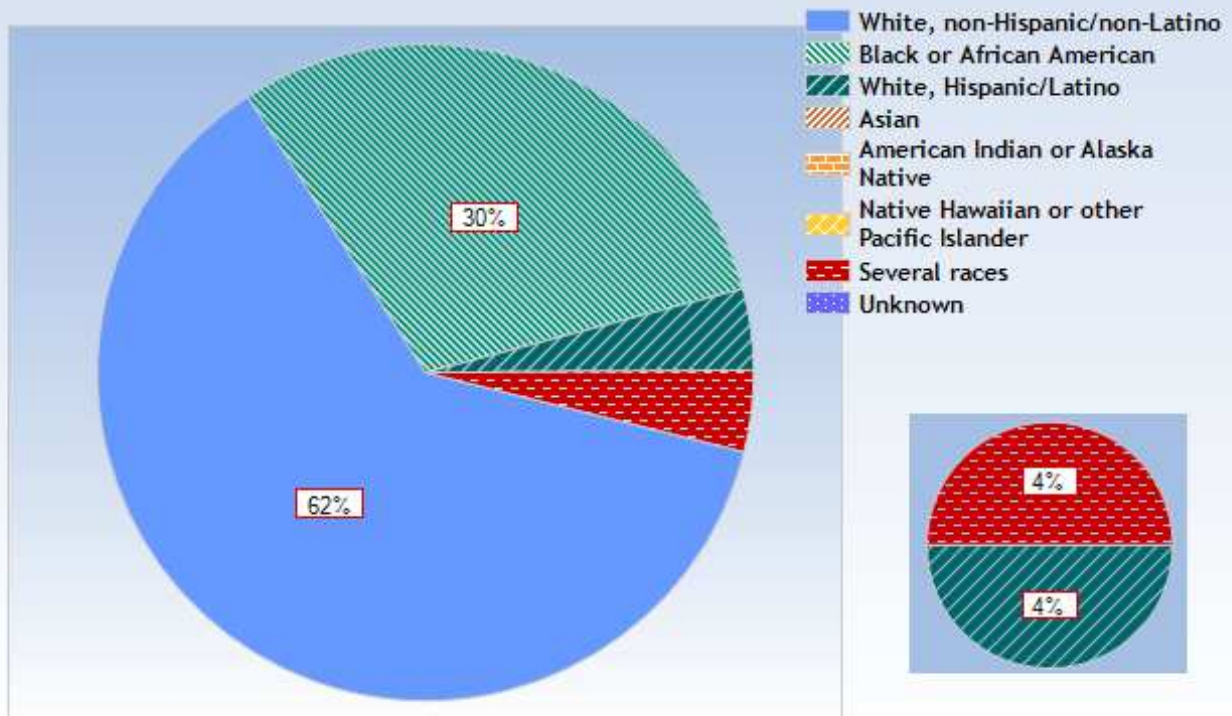
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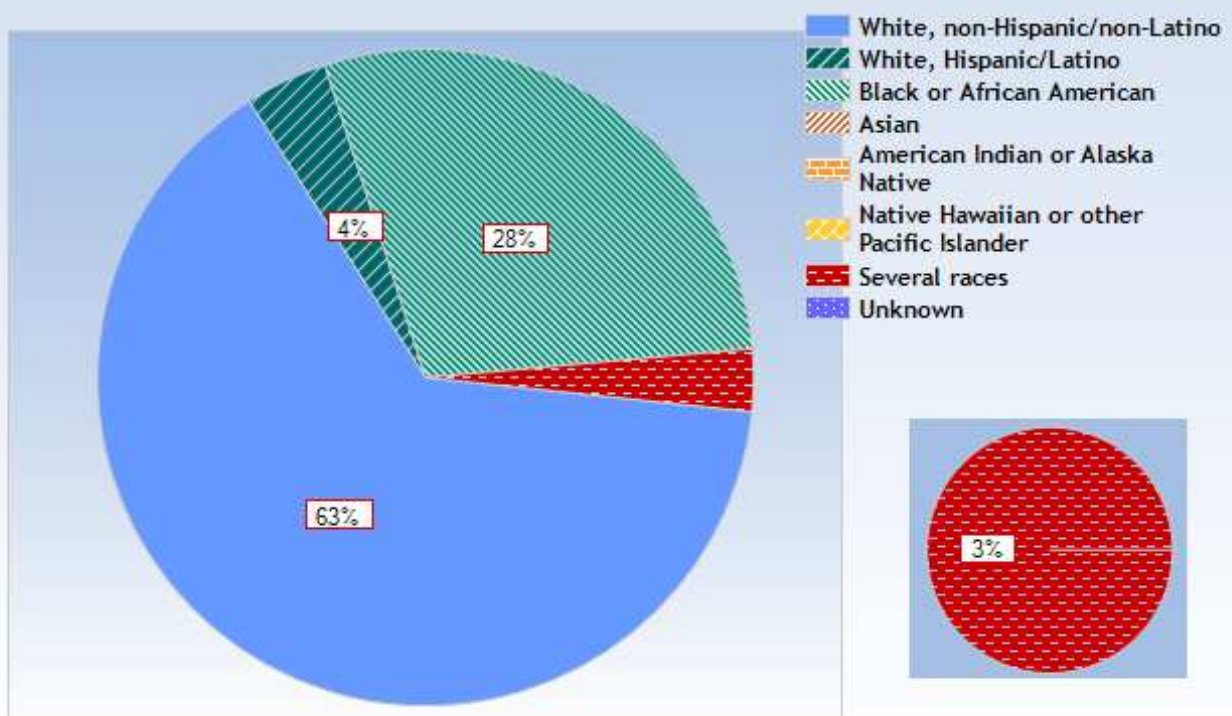
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**Exhibit 3.7 Demographic Characteristics: Race of Veterans in Emergency Shelter**

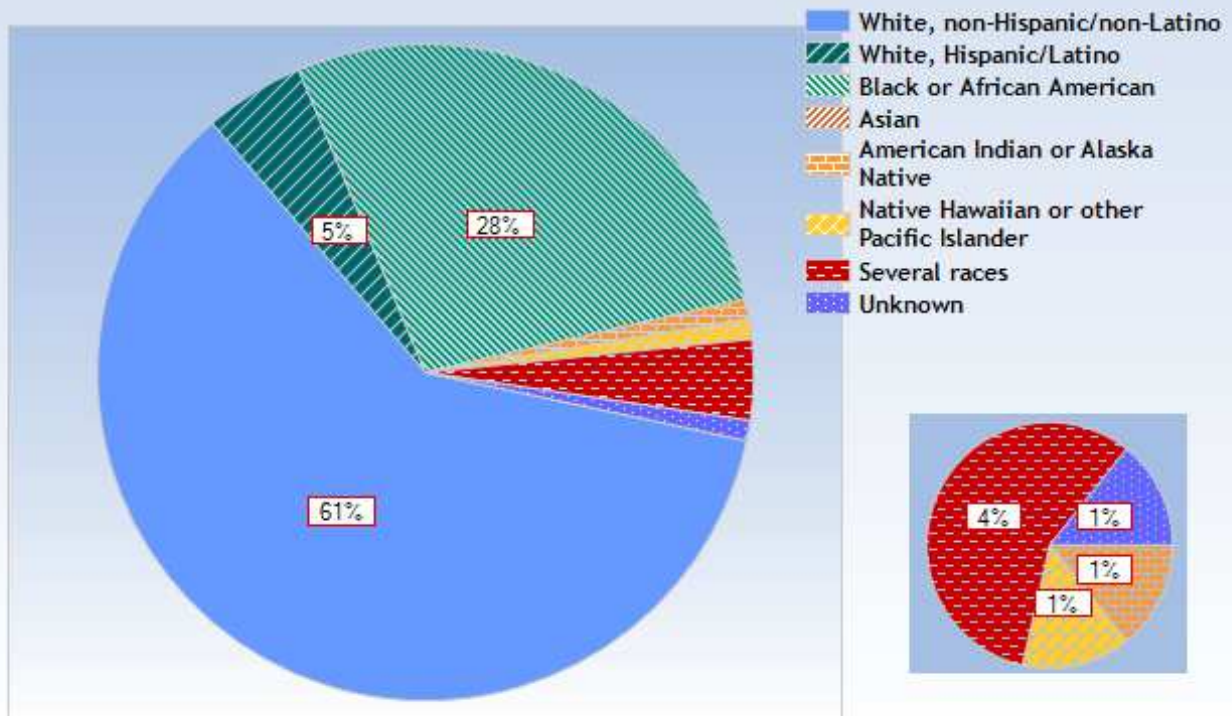


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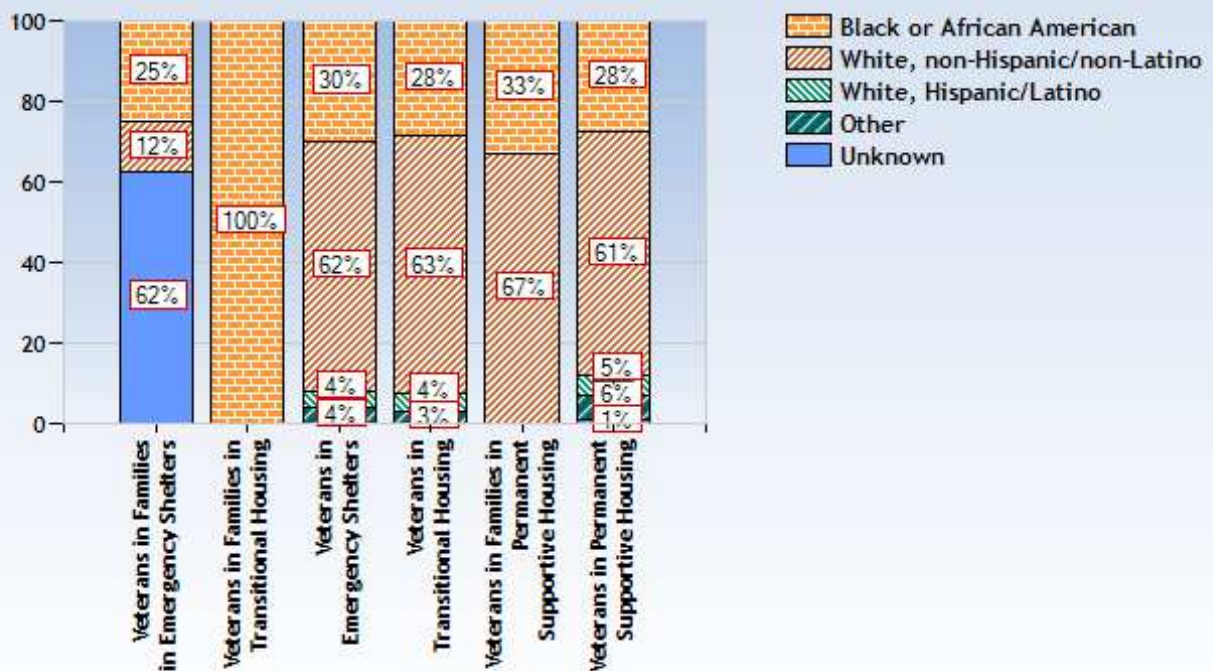




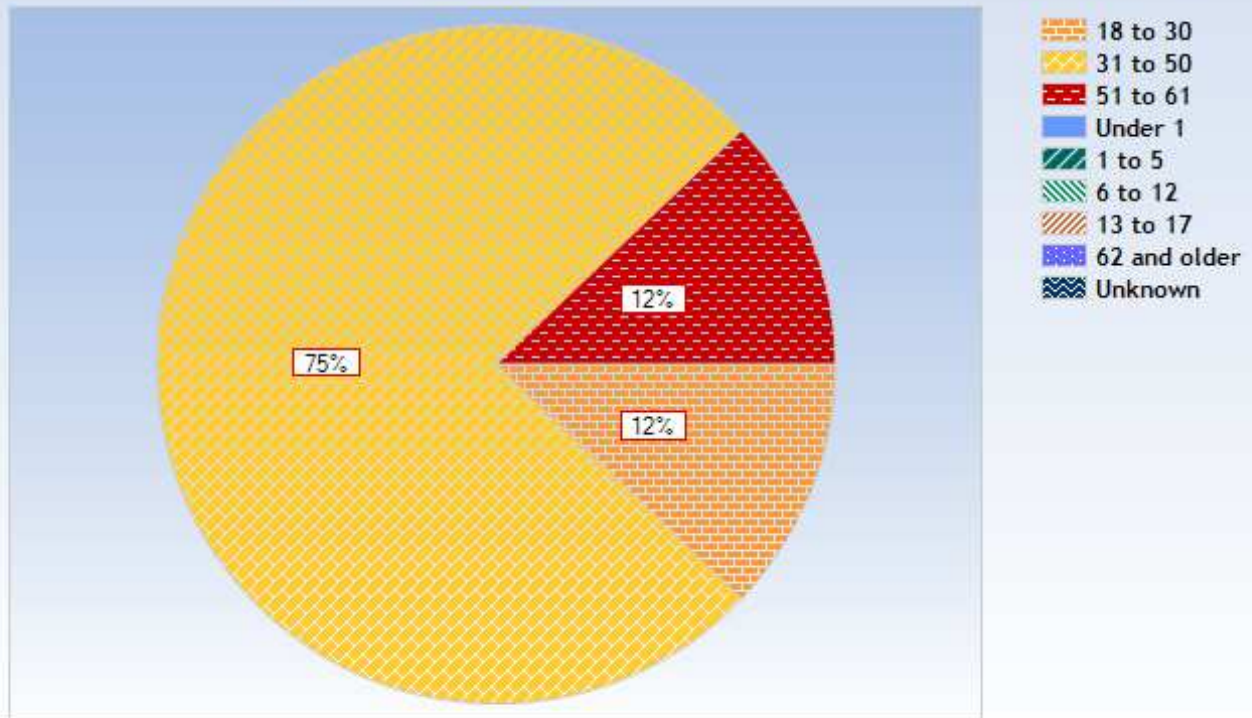
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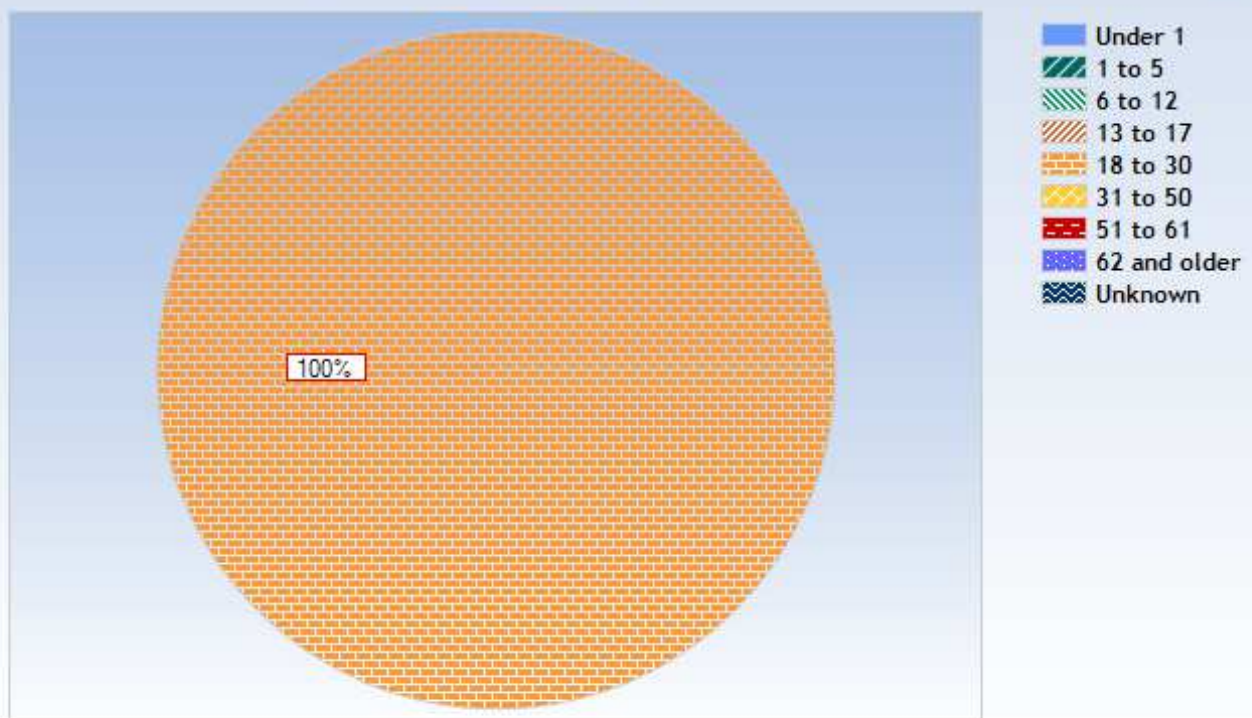
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**Exhibit 3.11 Demographic Characteristics: Age of Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelter**

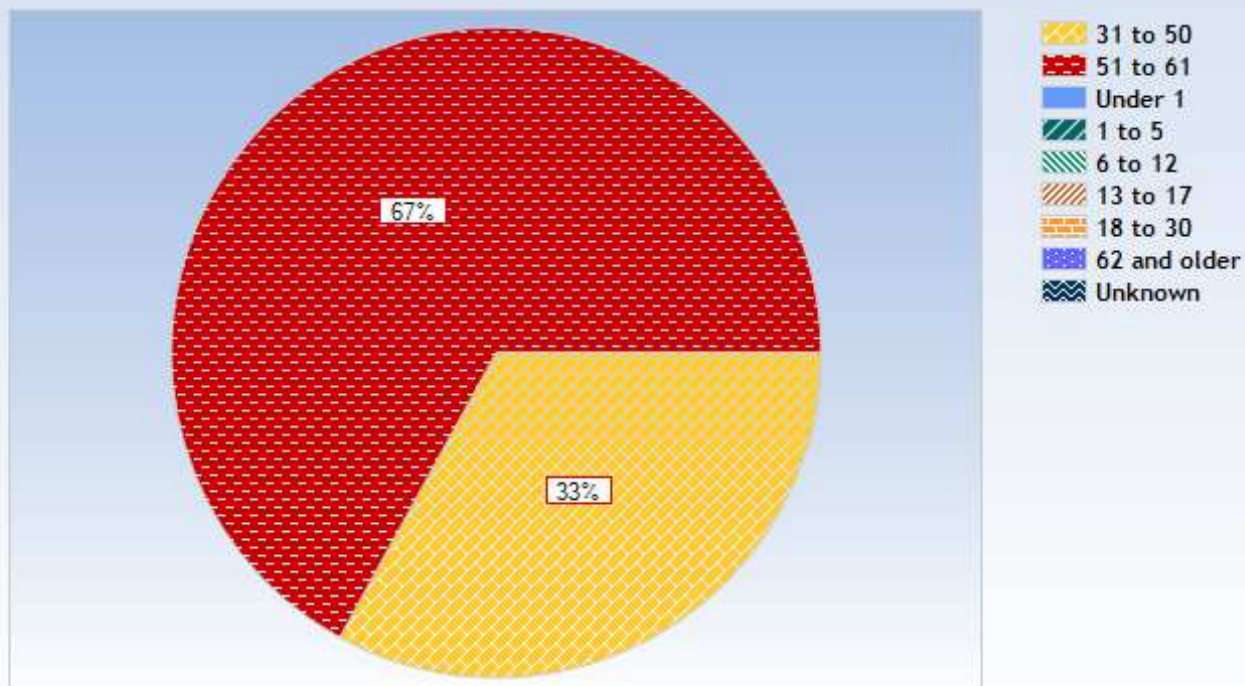


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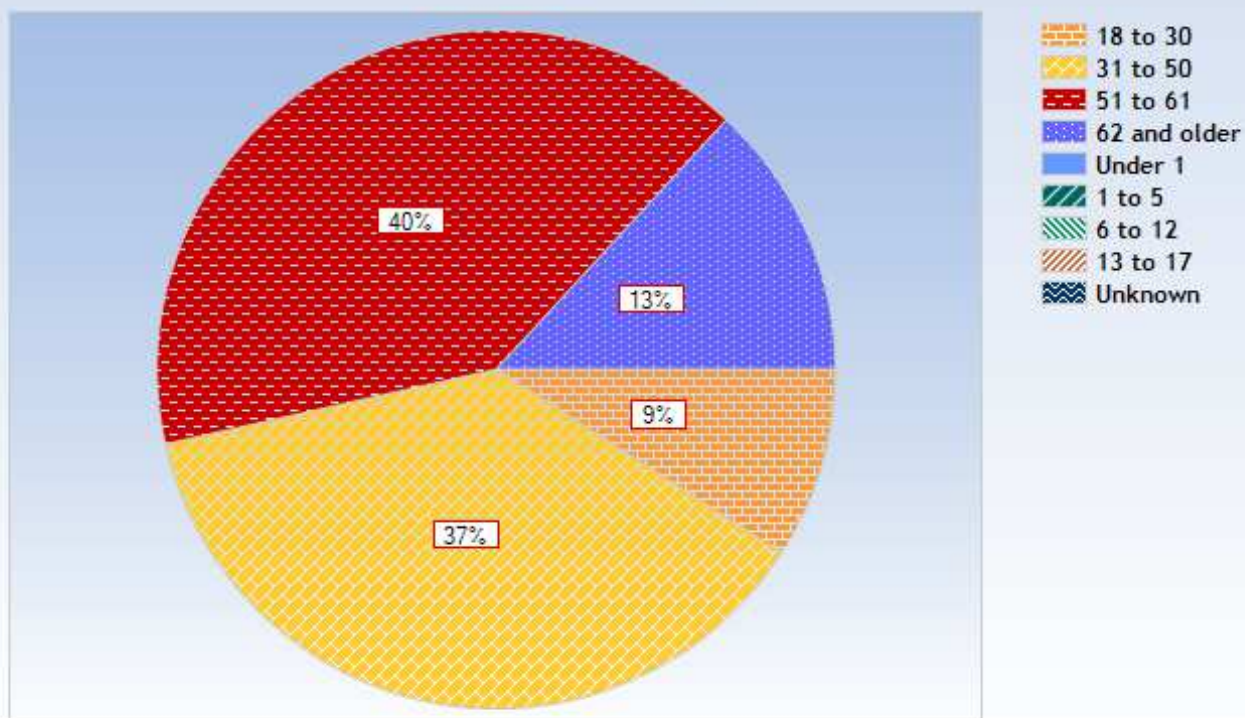




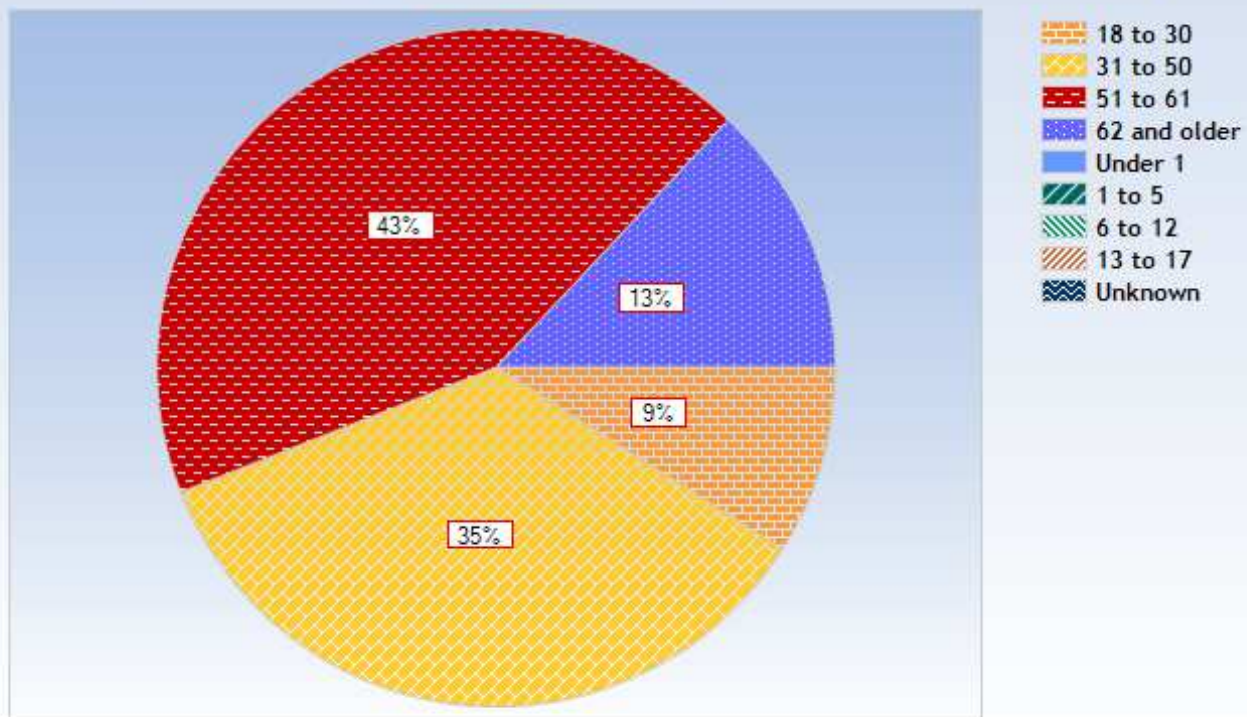
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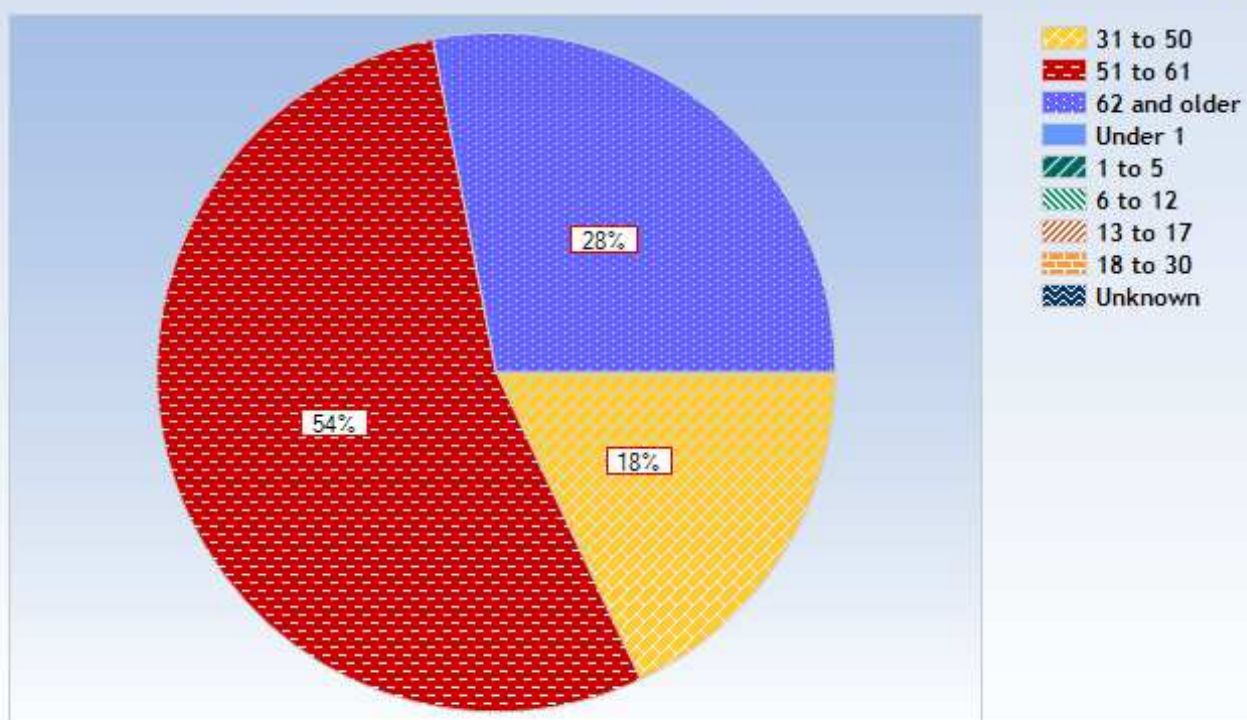
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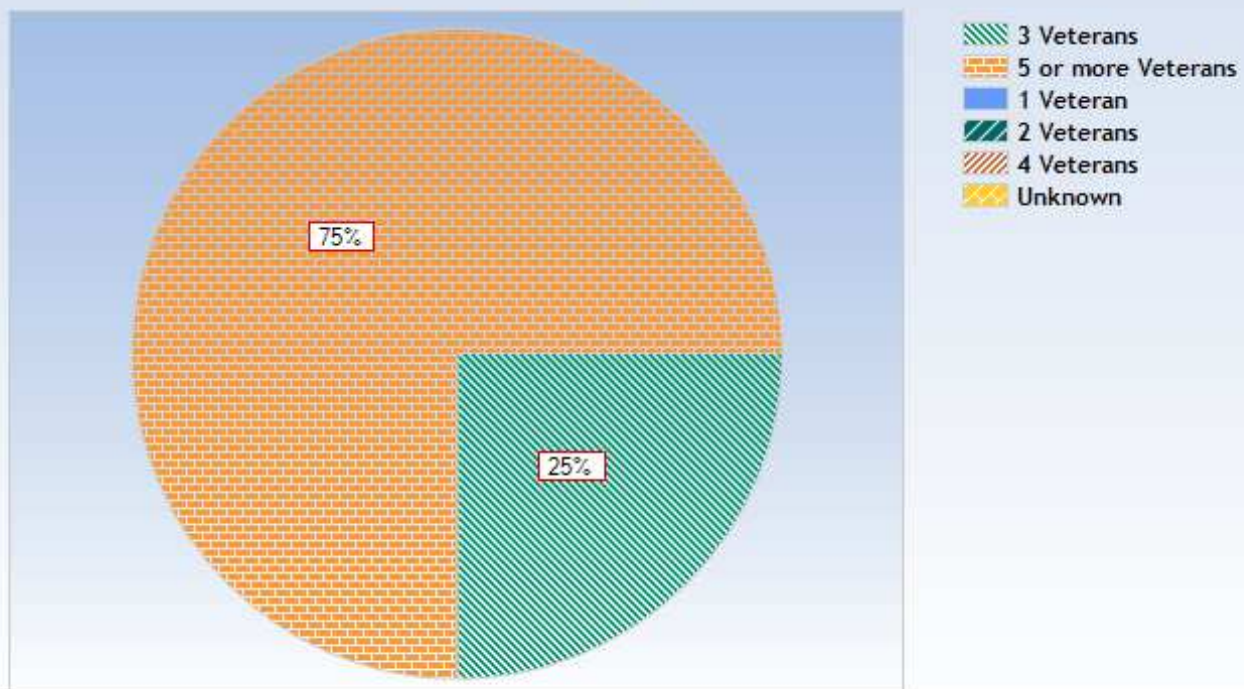


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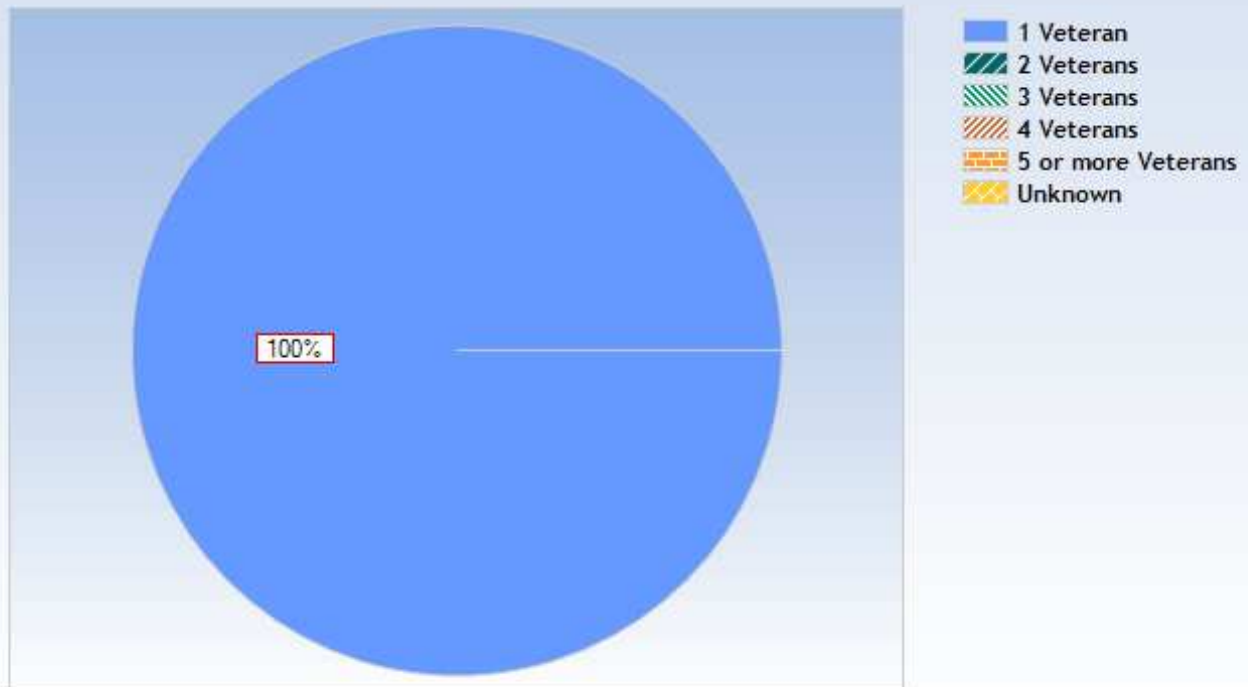




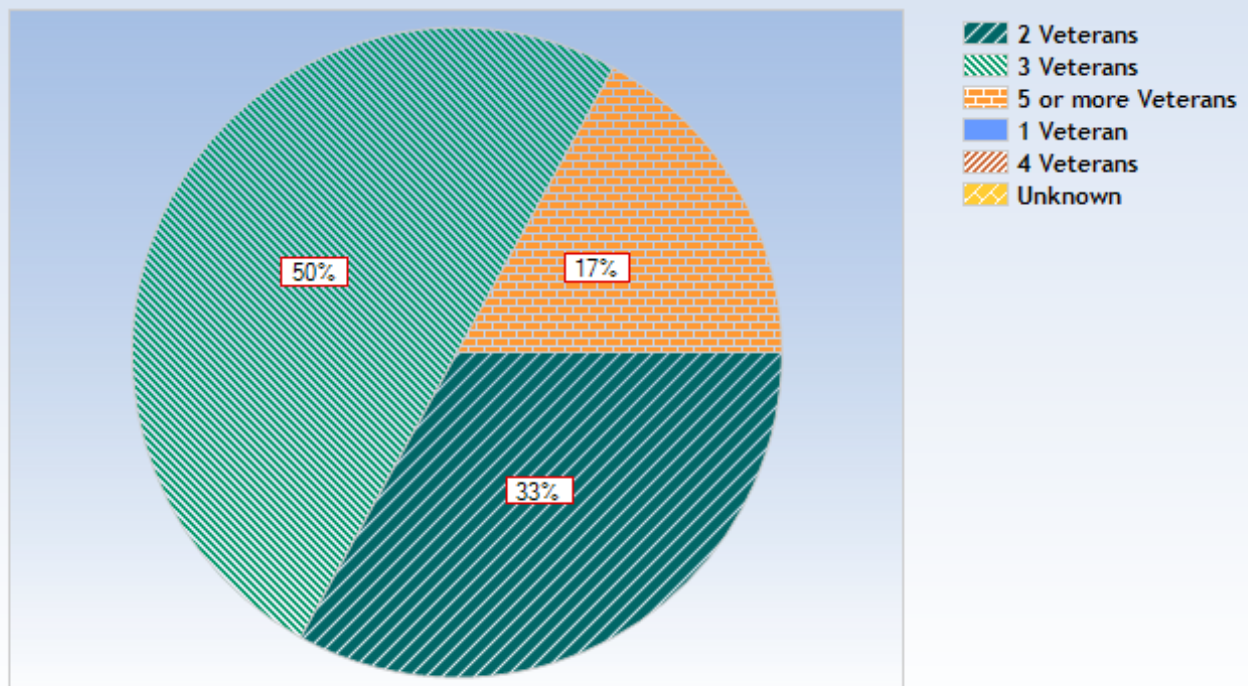
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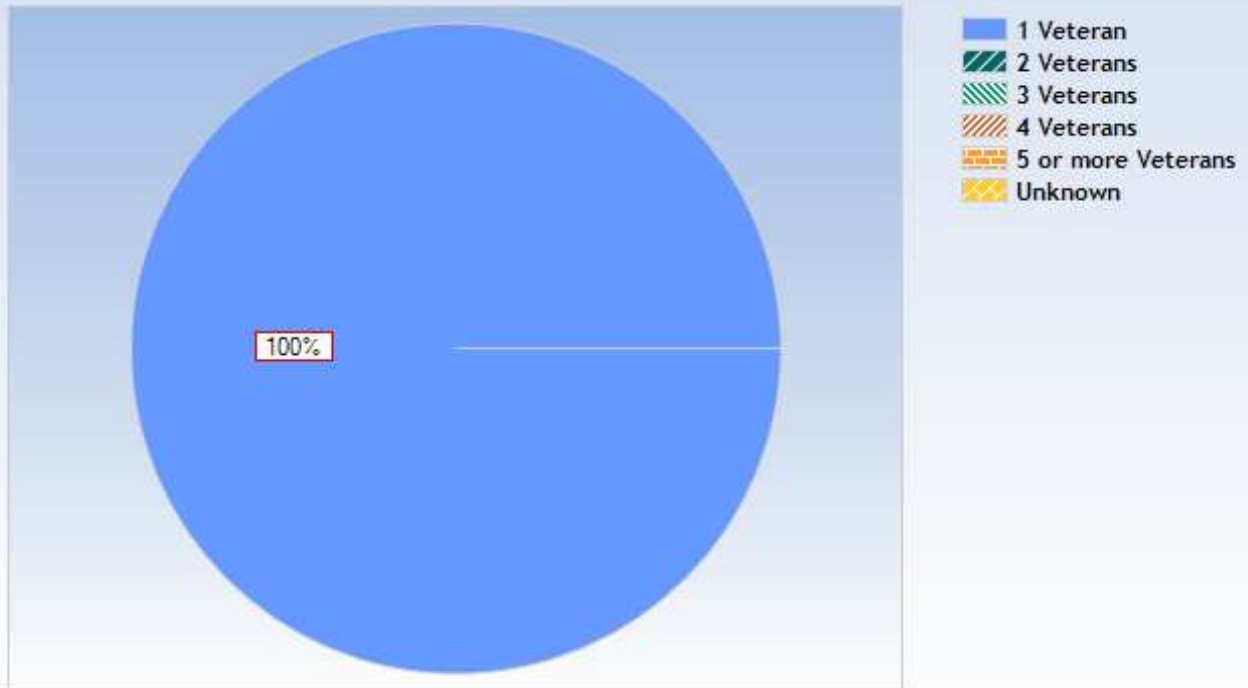


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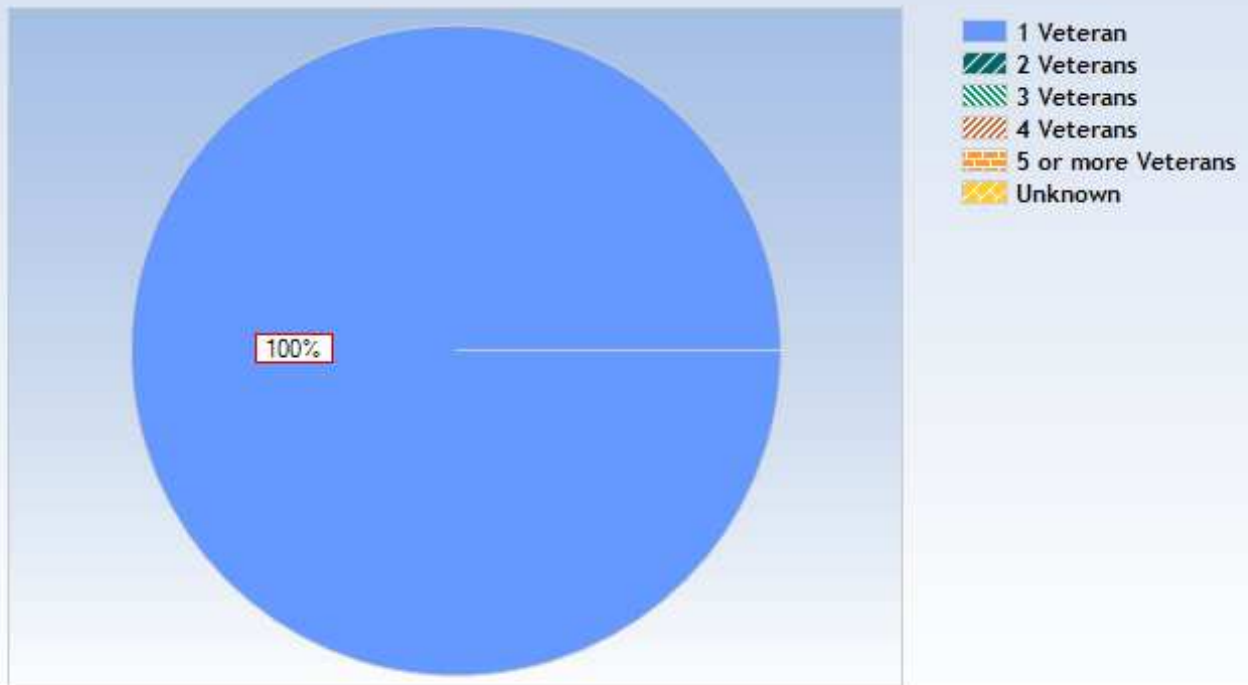




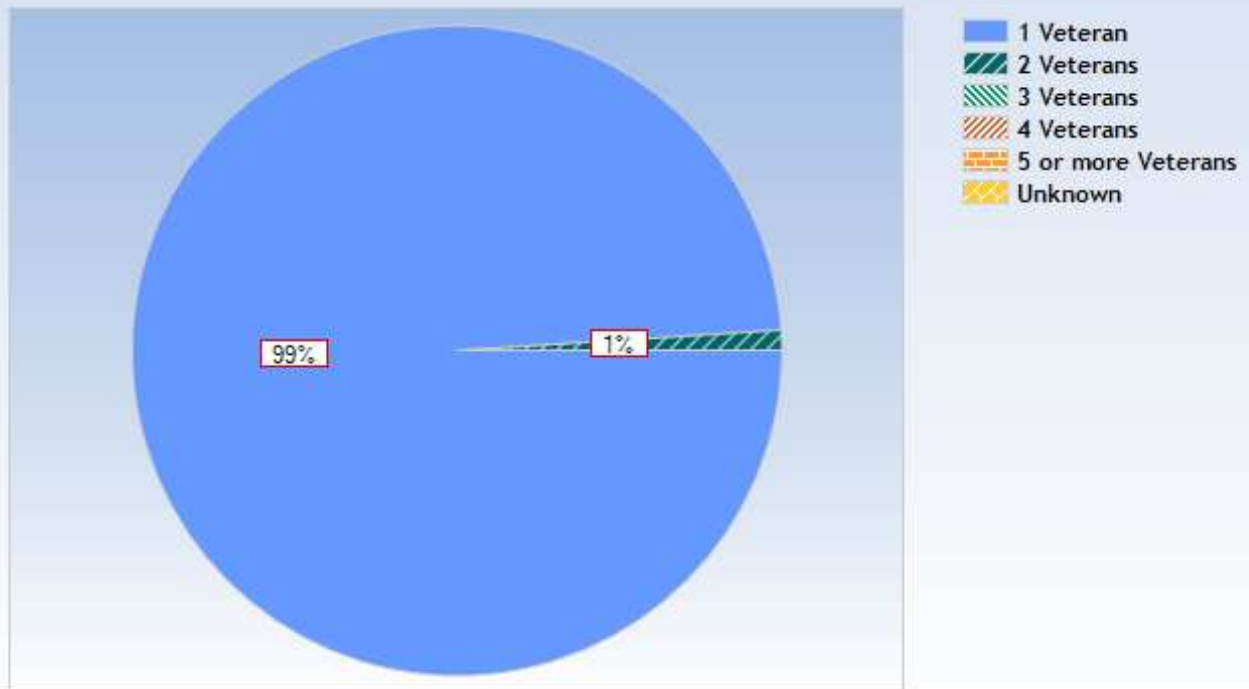
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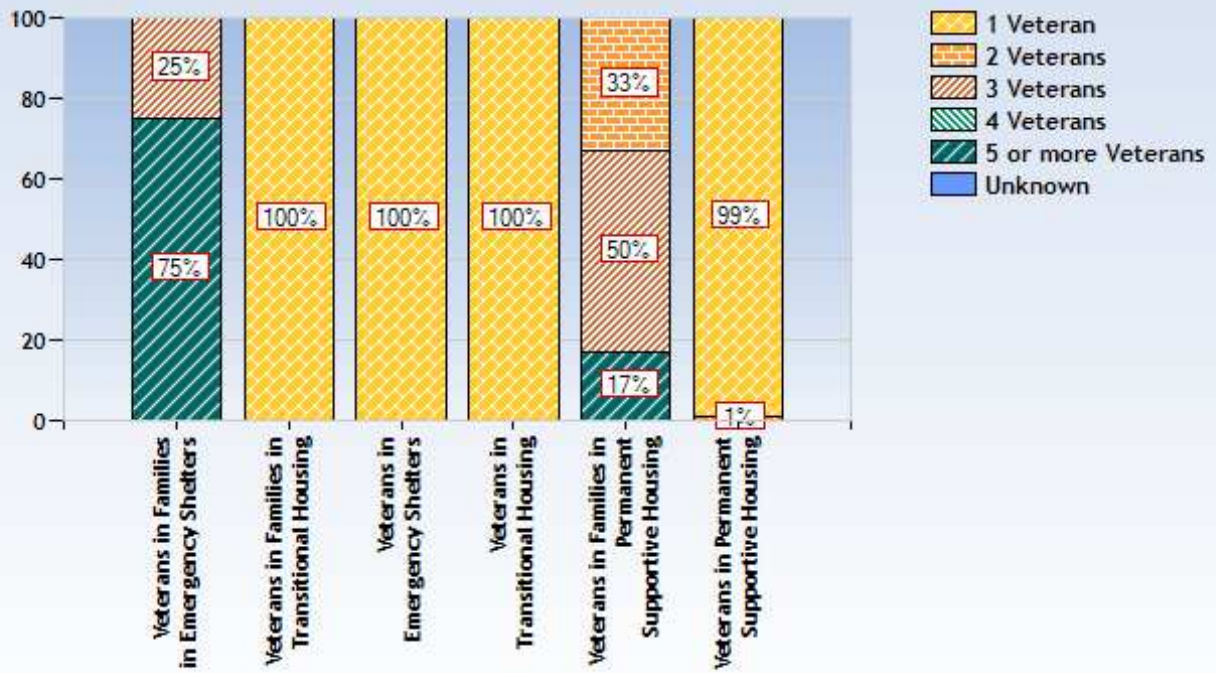
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**Exhibit 3.22 Demographic Characteristics: Veterans by Household Size: Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing**



**Exhibit 3.23 Demographic Characteristics: Veterans by Household Size**



**Exhibit 3.24 Demographic Characteristics: Veteran Status (Adults Only)**

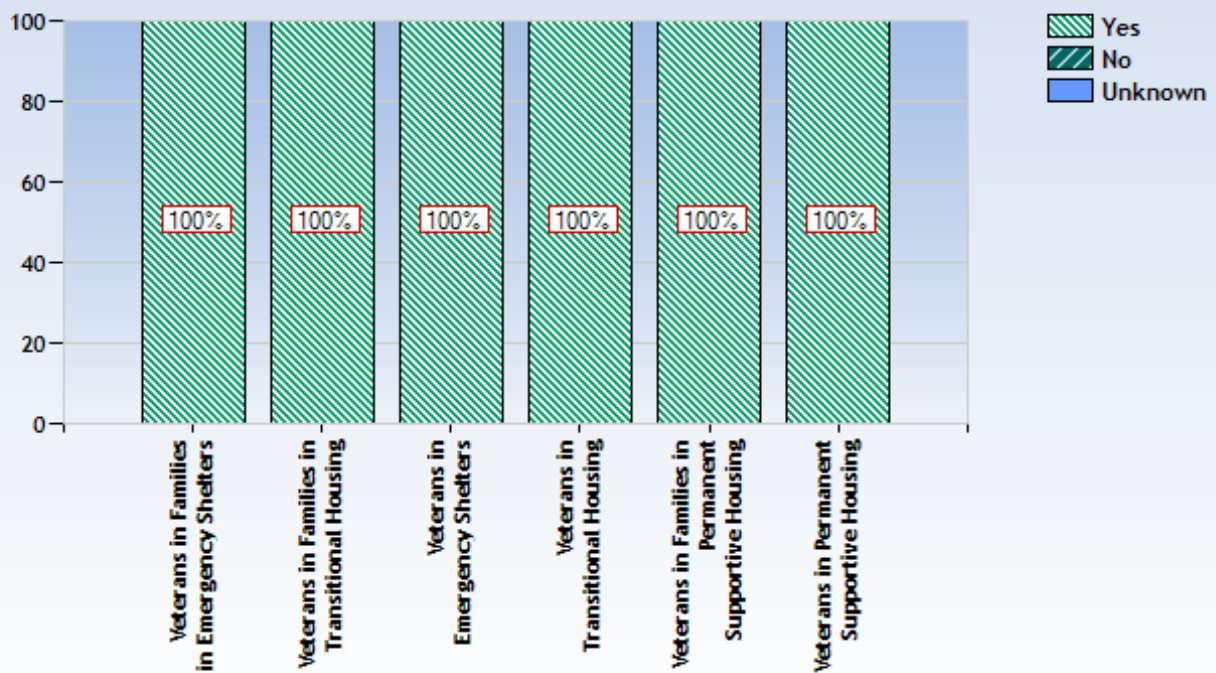
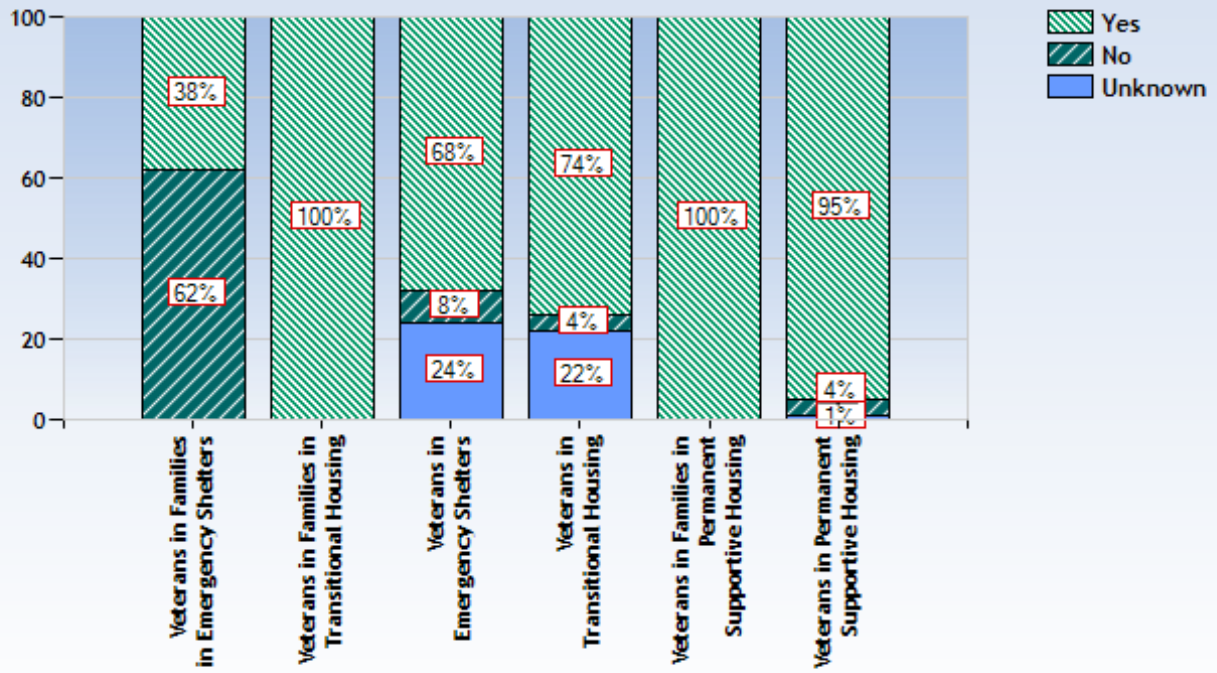


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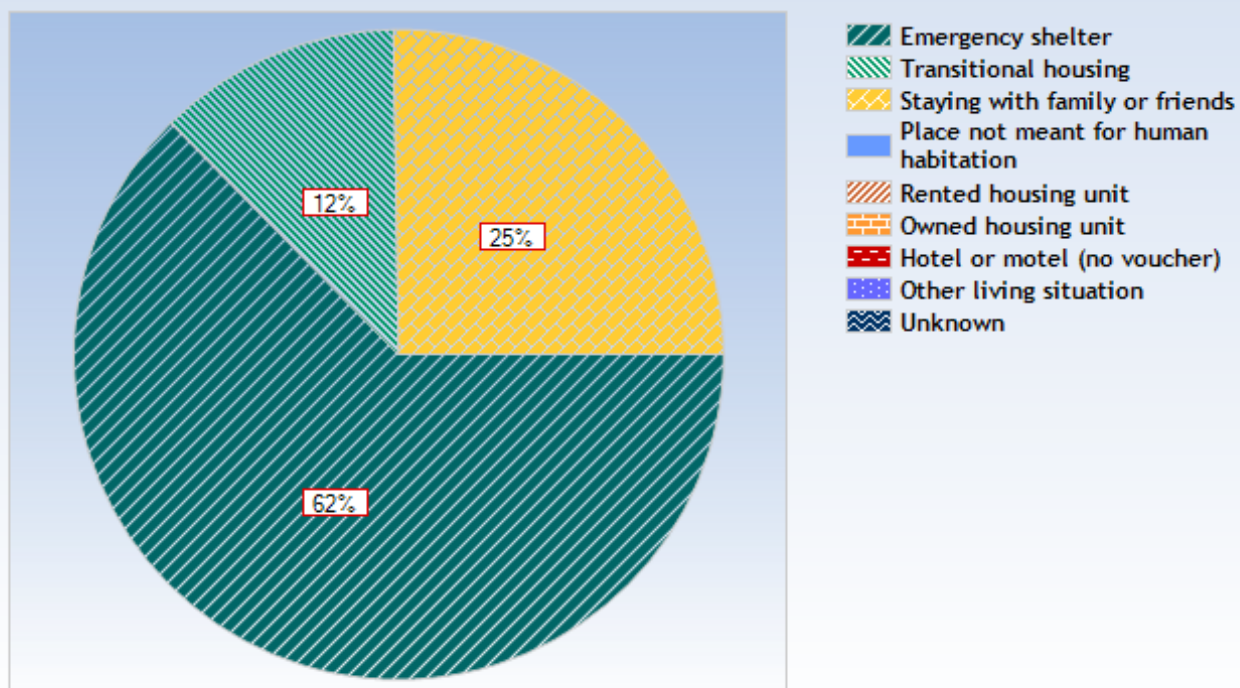


**Exhibit 4.1 Prior Living Situation of Veterans Using Homeless Residential Services***Reporting Year: 10/1/2012 - 9/30/2013**Site: Boston (MA)*

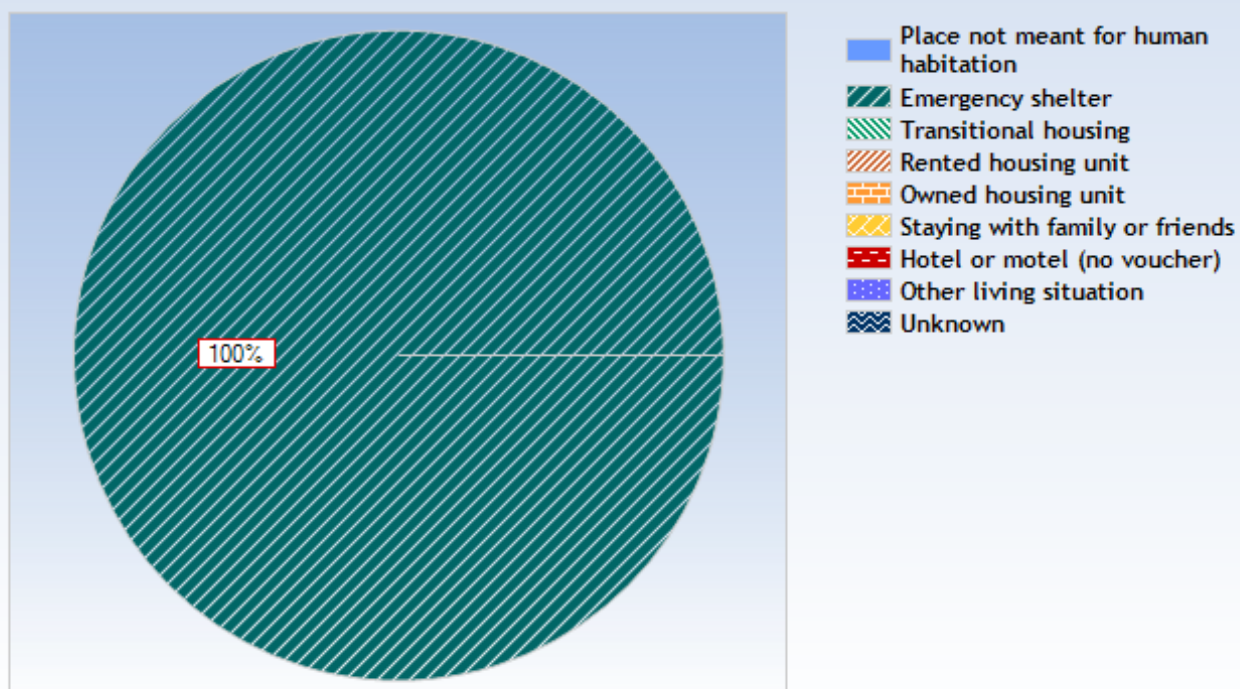
Prior Living Situation	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Veterans in Emergency Shelters	Veterans in Transitional Housing	Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing
<b>Number of Sheltered Homeless Veterans</b>	8	1	6	1,209	880	171
<b>Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry</b>						
<b>Total from Homeless Situation</b>						
<i>Place not meant for human habitation</i>	0%	0%	0%	13%	11%	11%
<i>Emergency shelter</i>	63%	100%	50%	26%	25%	59%
<i>Transitional housing</i>	13%	0%	17%	4%	7%	16%
<b>Total from Housing Situation</b>						
<i>Permanent supportive housing</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
<i>Rented housing unit</i>	0%	0%	17%	7%	12%	2%
<i>Owned housing unit</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Staying with family or friends</i>	25%	0%	0%	20%	23%	4%
<b>Total from Institutional Settings</b>						
<i>Psychiatric facility</i>	0%	0%	17%	2%	3%	1%
<i>Substance abuse treatment center or detox</i>	0%	0%	0%	5%	7%	1%
<i>Hospital (non-psychiatric)</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	1%
<i>Jail, prison, or juvenile detention</i>	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	1%
<b>Total from Other Situations</b>						
<i>Hotel or motel (no voucher)</i>	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	0%
<i>Foster care home</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other living situation</i>	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
<i>Unknown</i>	0%	0%	0%	13%	0%	1%
<b>Stability of Previous Night's Living Arrangements</b>						
<i>Stayed 1 week or less</i>	0%	0%	0%	21%	20%	2%
<i>Stayed more than 1 week, but less than a month</i>	25%	0%	0%	11%	13%	4%
<i>Stayed 1 to 3 months</i>	13%	100%	17%	14%	19%	8%
<i>Stayed more than 3 months, but less than a year</i>	25%	0%	33%	14%	19%	29%
<i>Stayed 1 year or longer</i>	13%	0%	50%	27%	28%	49%
<i>Unknown</i>	25%	0%	0%	13%	1%	9%
<b>Zip Code of Last Permanent Address</b>						
<i>Same jurisdiction as program locator</i>	13%	100%	33%	28%	29%	51%
<i>Different jurisdiction than program locator</i>	63%	0%	67%	60%	71%	49%
<i>Unknown</i>	25%	0%	0%	12%	0%	0%



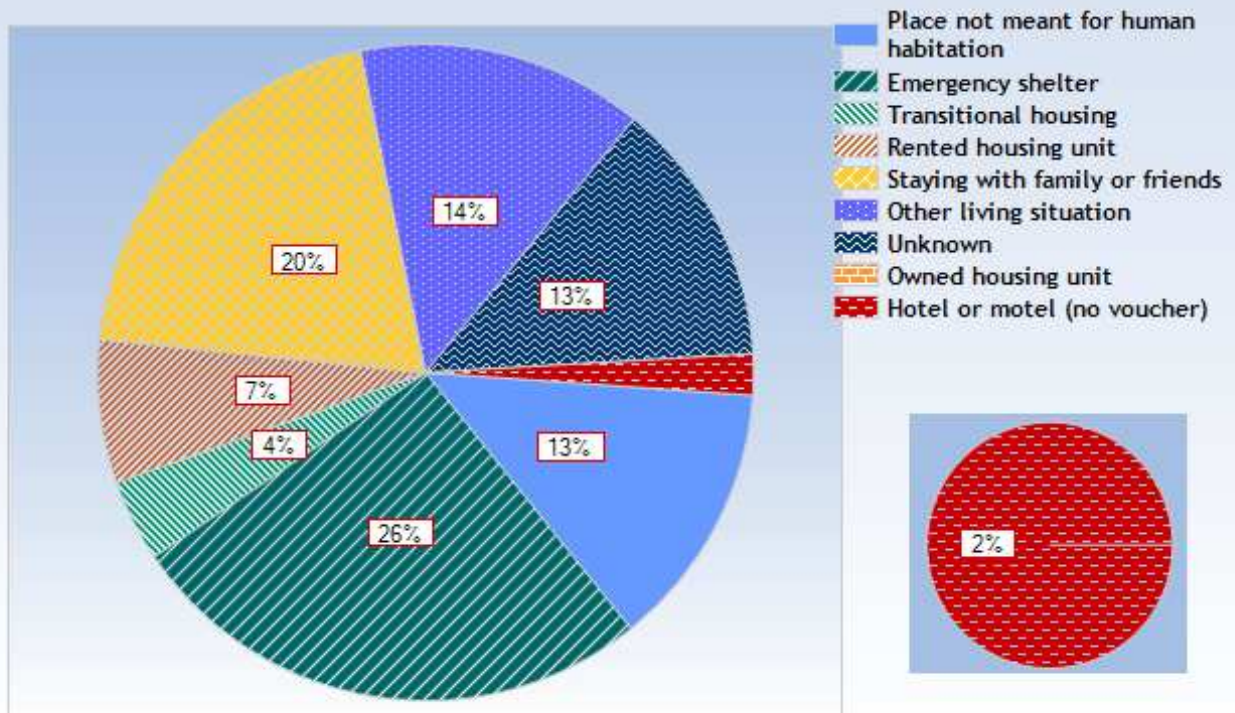
**Exhibit 4.2 Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry: Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelter**



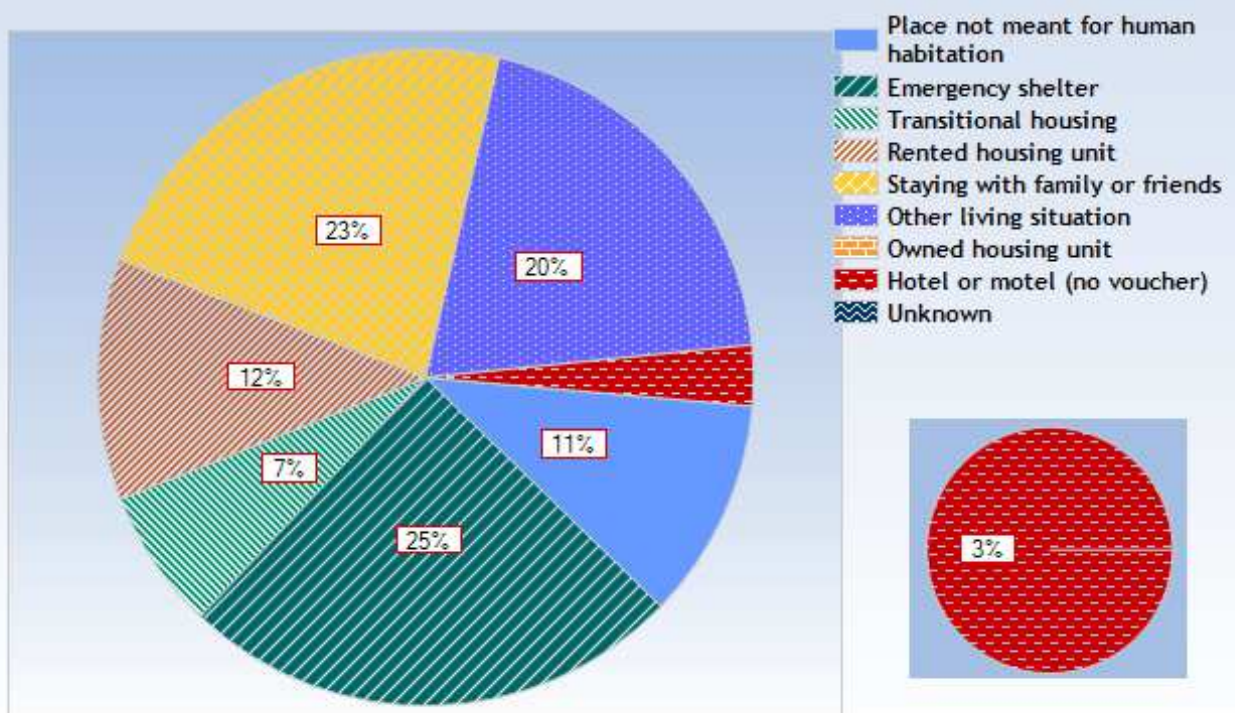
**Exhibit 4.3 Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry: Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing**



**Exhibit 4.4 Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry: Veterans in Emergency Shelter**

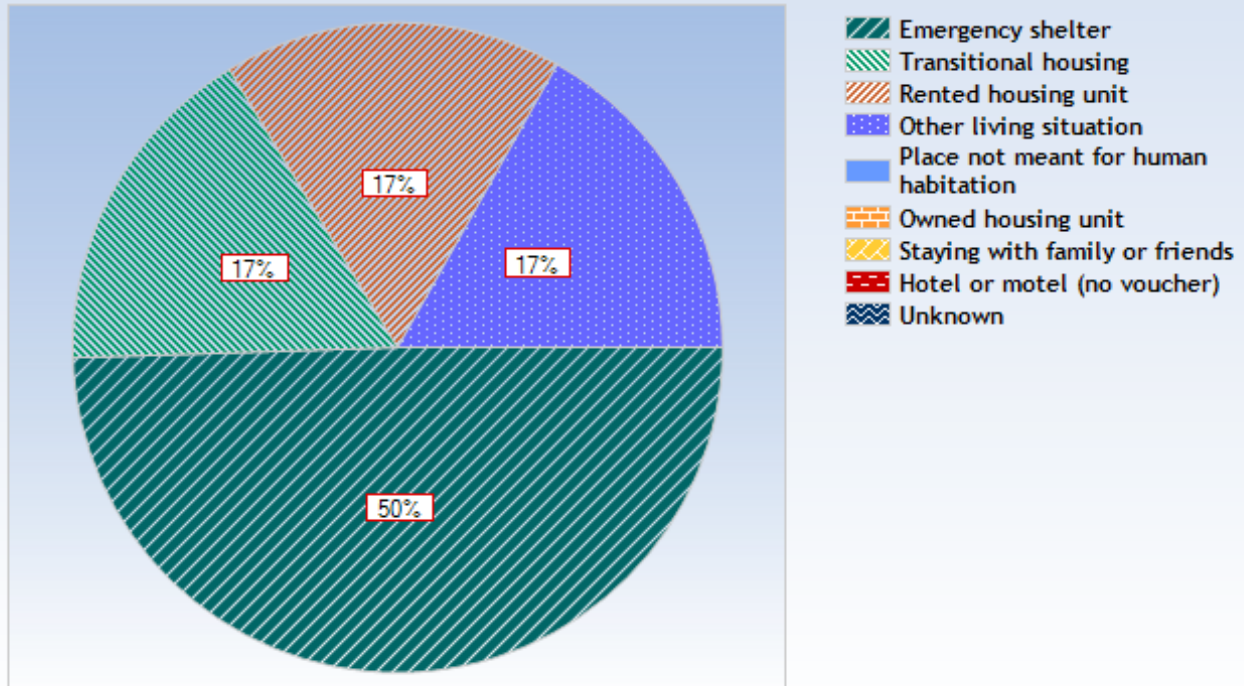


**Exhibit 4.5 Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry: Veterans in Transitional Housing**

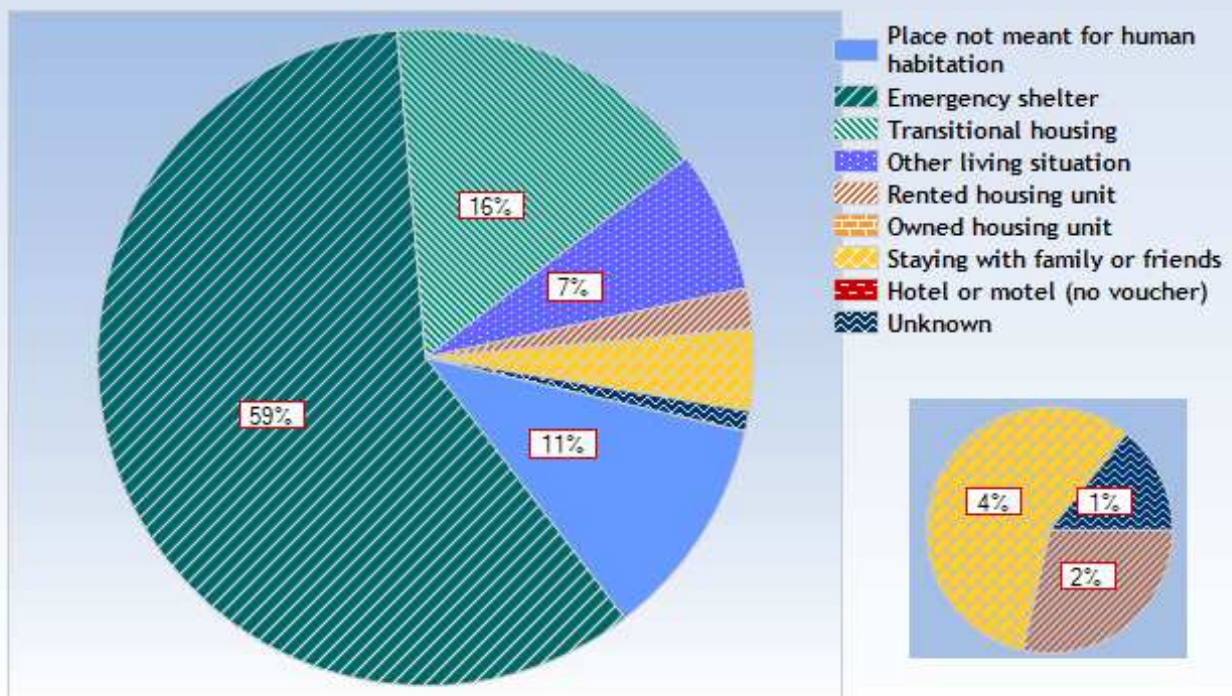




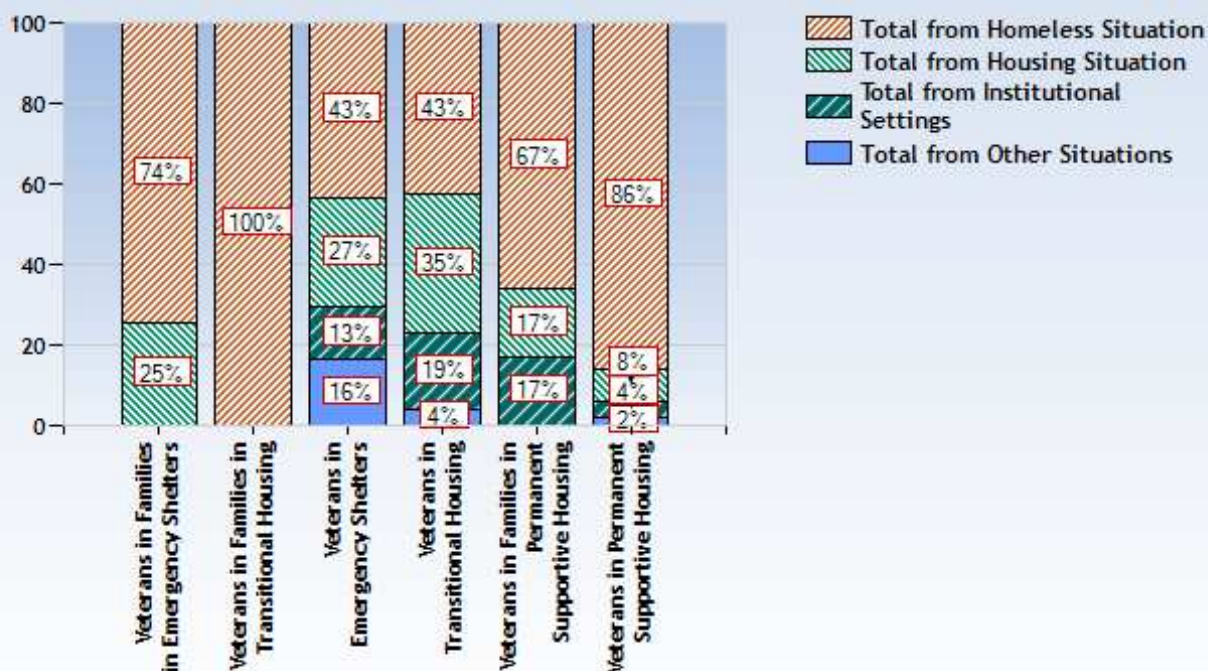
**Exhibit 4.6 Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry: Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing**



**Exhibit 4.7 Living Arrangement the Night before Program Entry: Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing**



**Exhibit 4.8 Prior Living Situation: Living Arrangement the Night Before Program Entry**



**Other Situations:** Hotel or motel (no voucher), Foster care home, Other living situation, Unknown

**Institutional Settings:** Psychiatric facility, Substance abuse treatment center or detox, hospital (non-psychiatric), Jail, prison or juvenile detention

**Housing Situation:** Permanent supportive housing, Rented housing unit, Owned housing unit, Staying with family or friends

**Homeless Situation:** Place not meant for human habitation, Emergency shelter, Transitional housing

**Exhibit 4.9 Stability of Previous Night's Living Arrangement**

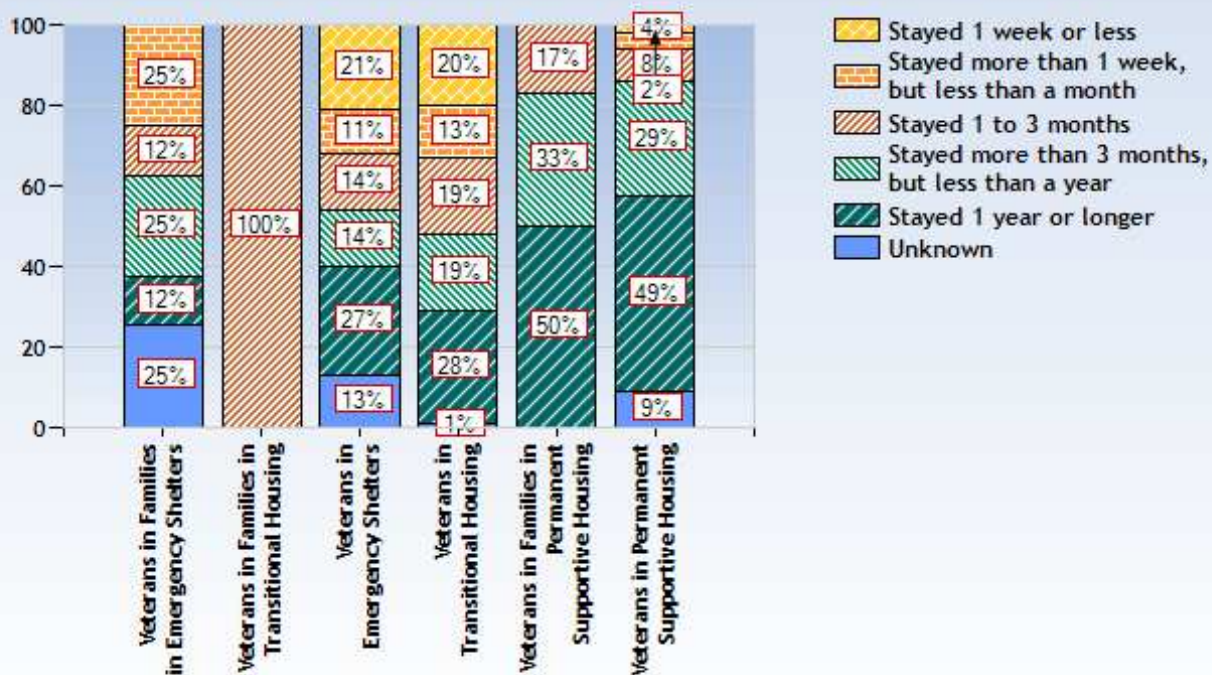
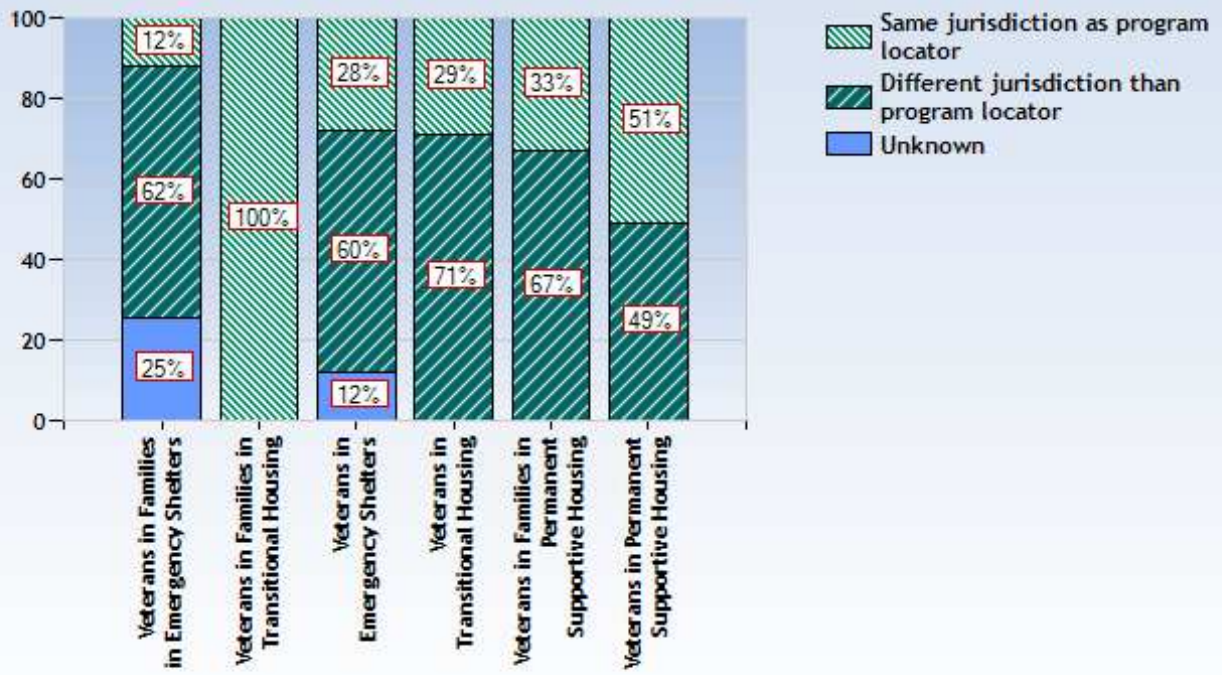




Exhibit 4.10 Zip Code of Last Permanent Address



## Exhibit 5.1 Length of Stay in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing for Veterans

Reporting Year: 10/1/2012 - 9/30/2013

Site: Boston (MA)

Length of Stay	Veterans in Families in Emergency Shelters		Veterans in Families in Transitional Housing		Veterans in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing		Veterans in Emergency Shelters		Veterans in Transitional Housing		Veterans in Permanent Supportive Housing	
	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %	%	Cum. %
<i>A week or less</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	73%	73%	14%	14%	1%	1%
<i>1 wk. to 1 month</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	83%	22%	36%	2%	2%
<i>1 - 3 months</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	91%	28%	64%	2%	5%
<i>3 - 6 months</i>	13%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	95%	17%	81%	13%	18%
<i>6 - 9 months</i>	13%	25%	100%	100%	0%	0%	2%	97%	10%	91%	5%	22%
<i>9 - 12 months</i>	75%	100%	0%	100%	100%	100%	3%	100%	9%	100%	78%	100%
<i>Unknown</i>	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%

Exhibit 5.2 Length of Stay

